

New Housing Strategy Development Timetable (indicative dates)

Identifying the housing challenges and potential priorities by end of September 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This involves a review of the evidence that the Council and others hold*. - The purpose of this exercise is to help identify the housing issues that exist in West Lancs. It looks at, to name a few topics, affordability, house condition, demographic change, housing supply, health inequality, economic factors and vulnerable client groups.
Issues Paper by mid October 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once we have an updated understanding of the housing issues through the above step, an issues paper will be prepared. - The issues paper then becomes the initial basis for early stakeholder consultation. - The issues paper will start to provide some direction in terms of what the housing strategy delivery objectives might look like and these can be discussed at the next stage, to see if stakeholders consider if they are appropriate.
Early Stakeholder Consultation starting on 26 October 2020 and ending on 16 November 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Three week consultation period - Engagement can be undertaken in a number of forms such as postal questionnaire, stakeholder events, thematic group meetings, online interaction or use of other approaches. No one form is recommended, although the overarching desire is to obtain a good representation of views from stakeholders and residents.
Prepare Consultation outcomes Paper by 4 December 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertaking contact with stakeholders at the early strategy development stage (above step) is intended to help inform the strategy and the shaping of the delivery objectives, before any strategy writing has commenced. - The paper will help identify common themes and perhaps raise issues not previously identified
Prepare Initial Draft(s) of the Housing Strategy by 10 February 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider the format / outline of the strategy (this can take place at an earlier stage), such as document length, key headings, print or web based only document, professional design or other approach - The initial drafting will then take place taking account of the outcome of the early consultation and the preferred format / outline.
Consultation version of the Housing Strategy by 9 March 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cabinet will be required to endorse a consultation version - Minimum of 8 weeks consultation period will be required
Consultation Activity – 8 week consultation period 12 March 2021 and ending on 7 May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep a record of consultation comments received and whether the comments have, resulted in any change or resulted in another form of response, such as matter already addressed in the strategy.
Prepare Final Housing Strategy Version by 27 May 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake any amendments to the Housing Strategy based upon the feedback received
Final Housing Strategy version and approval route Cabinet in June 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider endorsing the final version of Housing Strategy and action plan.

* A key component of the evidence review, will be receipt of the Affordable and Specialist Housing Need Study which represents one strand of the evidence base for the development of a new local plan. The indicative timetable above is based upon receipt of the Affordable and Specialist Housing Need Study in the early autumn of 2020.

