

Current Engagement Template

(This document should be completed to detail all new engagement activities, prior to uploading onto the new engagement hub)

No decision has been taken concerning changes to the specific service we are seeking views on. Feedback from this engagement exercise will be a key consideration in arriving at a decision although not the only one.

Organisation: Housing Services

Engagement Subject: North Tyneside Tenancy Strategy 2021 – 2025

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Description and Next Steps:

The Localism Act 2011 placed a duty on local housing authorities in England to publish a tenancy strategy that sets out their expectations that Registered Providers of social housing must have regard to when formulating policies relating to:

- The kind of tenancy to be granted;
- The circumstances in which they will grant a tenancy of a particular kind;
- Where they grant these tenancies for a term certain, the length of the terms; and
- Other circumstances in which they will grant a further tenancy on the coming to an end of an existing strategy.

The key aim of the tenancy strategy is to provide guidance to registered providers who provide homes in North Tyneside to:

- Ensure housing stock meets local housing need;
- Enable households to make informed choices based on their individual circumstances;
- Strengthen and maintain successful and sustainable communities; and
- Prevent homelessness.

Expected outcomes from registered providers of social housing include:

- Tenancies offered provide a level of security for the tenant;
- Affordable rents contribute to the delivery of new homes; and
- A balance of flexibility in social housing promoting settled, sustainable and mixed tenure communities.

The existing strategy has been reviewed and revised to reflect national welfare reform changes that have been introduced in recent years, and national and local policies and plans.

Views are now being sought on this document through some questions. These views will be taken into consideration, and where appropriate, amendments may be made to the strategy.

When: *(07th May for a 4 week period ending 04th June 2021 and will be via the Council Digital Engagement Hub)*

Details of Public Access: due to Covid 19 there will be no public facing events. Information will be available on the Council's website. If requested a copy can be posted to a household.

Summary Comments and Report: following the end of the consultation period, the comments submitted will be reviewed and taken into consideration as to whether amendments need to be made to the document. A summary report will be produced

Additional Documents: An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced.

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