



Vision for West Kent

'We want West Kent to be a place where safe, healthy, distinctive urban and rural communities live which are supported by a thriving and prosperous local economy in a high quality built and natural environment. Residents in urban and rural areas will be well housed, within a range of suitable housing options, with access to high quality education and employment and a sustainable transport network. Above all West Kent will be a place where people can experience a high quality of life whilst living within our natural limits.'

Objective 1

‘To increase the amount of high quality sustainable housing available including affordable housing in both urban and rural areas, through new development and by making better use of the existing housing stock’

Outputs / Outcomes:

- Achieve local authority housing targets and balance housing market (to be reviewed)
- Achieve unit bed number and tenure mix
- Number of empty homes brought back into use
- Number of family sized properties released
- Provision of local needs housing schemes on rural exception sites
- Number of 3+ bed affordable homes built

Objective 2

‘To both improve the quality of the existing stock, with a focus on energy efficiency and adapt the existing stock to better meet the needs of current residents’

Outputs / Outcomes:

- Number of homes that meet decent homes standard
- Improve SAP ratings
- Reduce number of households affected by fuel poverty
- Process times for DFG’s and number allocated
- Number of renovation grants completed
- Number of homes adapted to meet needs of older and disabled residents who wish to remain in their own homes

Objective 3

'To better meet specialised accommodation needs and, in particular, the housing requirement of a growing ageing population'

Outputs / Outcomes:

- Percentage of homes built that meet the 'Lifetime Homes' standard
- Percentage of fully wheelchair accessible housing built.
- Achieve NI139 targets
- Process times for DFG's and number allocated
- Number of additional student residences provided
- Provision of new supported housing schemes

Objective 4

'To improve the West Kent economy and provide increased employment and training opportunities to improve the skills of the residents'

Outputs / Outcomes:

- Number of additional jobs created including increased local job opportunities
- Amount of employment floorspace created
- Number of skills / training opportunities created
- Growth rate of the West Kent Economy
- Increase in wage levels

Objective 5

'The delivery of regeneration and infrastructure in line with sustainable growth including the provision of improved transport links leading to enhanced accessibility'

Outputs / Outcomes:

- Number of homes and jobs that are unlocked by the provision of infrastructure
- Amount of green space delivered
- Improve the physical social and economic infrastructure of existing housing estates to deliver more sustainable communities
- Number of brownfield sites brought back into use
- Incorporate high quality design and layout in the development of larger sites