

# Priority 1

## *Affordable Housing Growth*

### 1.3 Registered Providers

The Council has a long standing and effective relationship with Registered Providers (mainly housing associations) and 3rd sector housing providers across the city. They provide investment and development expertise in addition to contributing to the well-being of neighbourhoods through a raft of support services for residents.

The Homes and Communities Agency's Affordable Homes Programme 2015-20 has recently been announced and a programme of over 600 new affordable homes has been confirmed as of January 2015.

Registered Providers work in partnership with the Council and with developers and landowners to develop innovative schemes to accelerate the delivery of sites and provide a mix of tenures particularly on large strategic sites including brownfield land owned by the Council.

To support and accelerate delivery, the Council has made resources available to add to the level of investment available. This includes making 12 Council owned land sites available for the delivery of new affordable housing. These include a number of sites which have been derelict or causing nuisance within

communities, and the Council has worked together with providers to bring these back into productive use.

The Council is also using its Right to Buy receipts to provide grant funding directly to Registered Providers and 3rd sector providers to further add to affordable housing supply. A programme to the value of £7m is being made available.

The Council has developed the Leeds Standard, an approach to ensuring the delivery of new homes is of the highest quality. The Council will be working with Registered Providers to further develop the approach.

Registered Providers and 3rd sector organisations also make a significant contribution to bringing empty homes back into use. Organisations such as LATCH and Canopy have refurbished a significant number of homes to excellent standards, also offering training and apprenticeships in construction.

[Leeds City Council's Right to buy grant programme webpage](#)

#### **Case Study: Sanctuary Housing Association**

Sanctuary Housing Association has developed 128 properties, across 5 sites, in the Middleton area. The scheme was delivered using Homes and Community Agency (HCA) funding and land disposed of by the Council. The 5 sites were cleared of obsolete housing and the new housing is a mix of bungalows and 2/3/4 bedroomed houses. The new housing has been developed to high standards of design, energy efficiency and is part of a wider regeneration plan for the Middleton area, which was developed with the support of local residents and Ward Members.