

# Priority 5

## Sustainable Communities

### 5.4 Council Housing

#### Action: Lettings

A key priority is to ensure that all lettings are made to the right tenants. The Council is prioritising the letting of new council houses to existing tenants with excellent tenancy records. The Council will be extending this approach to its new 'community lettings policies' that will consider pre-tenancy training, local connection and employment status alongside tenancy history in deciding who to make a letting to.

#### Case Study: Rainbow Roofs

Rainbow Roofs is open to all Leeds City Council Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) tenants and leaseholders. We work with officers and other tenants to directly influence and improve Housing Leeds services.

The group gets involved in the development of new policies and changes to housing services to ensure that the needs of our LGBT communities are met. We work hard to stamp out discrimination and raise awareness throughout Leeds, as well as taking part in community events on subjects such as hate crime.

#### Case Study: The Nevilles

The Nevilles Regeneration, East Leeds will benefit from a major programme of investment in their homes and environment. The projects will include improvements to both private and council houses, designed to help people with affordable heating and improve the longer term health of residents. This targeted work will work towards improving community sustainability, making the areas more desirable places to live in.

#### Action: Older People's Housing

The management of sheltered housing is being re-configured to ensure there is a more flexible and tailored support service so that it better reflects the needs and preferences of individual tenants. The overall aim is to promote the capacity of older people to live independently in their own homes and the service will look at how it can best work with Adult Social Services to offer a comprehensive, consistent and complementary service.

#### Action: Tenant Involvement

Continue to work with the range of tenant and member groups, including the Leeds Tenants Federation, Housing Advisory Panels, tenants groups and the city wide forum, to ensure that tenants have a strong input into the future shaping of council housing management.



#### Case Study: Leeds High Rise Project

The Council is working with tenants to look at ways to improve the management/tenant experience of living in high rise properties. A property profile and an initial tenant census have been carried out alongside the establishment of a Leeds High Rise Group. Pilot work has been carried out to look at future investment and management options for high rise properties. This will be further rolled out to look at embedding changes to the day to day management and maintenance of high rise properties., and will also include looking at options for responding to urgent problems as they occur.