

HOUSING

Croydon Council

Housing Commission on Community-Led Housing

In January 2018, the Housing Commission on Community-Led Housing published its report, 'Community-Led Housing: a Key Role for Local Authorities'. Set up by CCIN as a policy lab and led by Croydon Council, the Commission's practical approach is aimed at promoting good practice and innovation to enable councils to work with communities to generate more affordable housing and make best use of government funding for community-led housing (CLH).

The report is timely because the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is due to publish the prospectus for the next phase of the £240m Community Housing Fund in England. This Fund is providing £60m a year over four years for local community groups, registered providers and local authorities to support CLH. Funding for CLH is also provided by the Welsh and Scottish governments.

Written from the local authorities' point of view, the report argues that CLH should be 'added to the strategic mix' to increase the supply of homes that local people can afford. Different solutions are required for different markets, but CLH can make a contribution, whether through new build homes, returning empty properties to use or introducing CLH into the management of existing homes. The report provides an introduction to CLH and how it comes into being including funding available. It sets out how CLH can help local authorities achieve their strategic priorities and bring resources into the area, and gives examples of how authorities can enable or support it. It also provides sources of further guidance and contacts in local authorities.

12 detailed local authority case studies set out how and why a council is supporting CLH, who it is working with, and give examples of homes created in their area. Authorities featured are from England, Wales and Scotland, and include urban and rural areas of both high and low housing demand:

- Brighton & Hove City Council
- Bristol City Council
- Carmarthenshire County Council



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The report and case studies are available at www.ccinhousing.co.uk

A CLH Technical Toolkit for local government developed by the Housing Associations' Charitable Trust (HACT), was informed by the Commission's findings. Available from April 2018 at www.clhtoolkit.org, this resource will cover community engagement, planning, funding and legal issues and will provide templates and process maps for local government officers.

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