

Local authority Pledge on Community Led Housing

The Housing Commission wants to encourage and enable as many local authorities as possible to develop or support community-led housing (CLH). To contribute to this end, we have developed a pledge for local authorities to commit to the development of CLH

Would you be willing to develop a pledge to suit your local circumstances, along the lines suggested below, and join us to build a campaign and encourage others to follow your lead?

If so, please complete the template and send it to john.montes@croydon.gov.uk.

We X authority commit to undertake the following...

1. Write and implement a Community Led Housing (CLH) policy ensuring CLH becomes a part of our strategic housing responsibility.

Guidance examples:

Ways in which you could do this might include:

- *Defining policy responses appropriate to your area, for example assessment of sites suitable for CLH, development of enabling policies and alignment of existing policies, identification of opportunities for CLH*
- *Better align policies towards CLH schemes ensuring that CLH and not-for-profit schemes are included as part of the Affordable Housing delivery within their area.*
- *Identification of champions in your authority:*
 - a named political champion with power to implement across departments*
 - officer champions in relevant departments*
- *As appropriate, sharing your knowledge and expertise with less experienced local authorities who are interested in supporting/developing CLH in their area OR learning from more experienced local authorities that are supporting CLH*

2. Define the resource that we can invest in civil society organisations to deliver CLH

Guidance examples

- *According to your local circumstances, this could range from dedicated officer time or enabling CLH groups to access external funding or help in kind, to the asset transfer of land or buildings or direct funding*
- *You might wish to work with one or more local authorities in your region to support CLH.*

3. Work with CLH groups and partners as appropriate to support/facilitate the delivery of at least one CLH site

Guidance examples

- *If you can, you are encouraged to give a timescale for the delivery and state the number of homes you aim to deliver. The model of CLH, approach to delivery and number of homes will depend on circumstances in your local authority area, like the local housing market, and local community-led groups interested in developing homes/returning empty homes to use*
- *This could include work with new/existing CLH groups directly, with a housing association to help develop a CLH scheme, or with CLH organisations (including local CLH enablers), that can help CLH groups to form and succeed.*