

Local Supported Housing Strategies 2025-2026

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and Local Authorities in England

1. Background

1.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is informed by the requirements of the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023, which places a statutory duty on Local Authorities in England to develop and deliver Local Supported Housing Strategies. Local authorities are required to assess the current availability of supported housing in the district and assess the likely need (including current unmet need) for supported housing for a period of five years from the date that the strategy is published.

2. Purpose of the MOU

2.1. This Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') sets out the terms, principles and practices that will apply to the working relationship between the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government ('MHCLG') and local authorities regarding the administration and delivery of Strategies across 2025 – 2026 (further funding to be provided for 2028 and 2029).

2.2. This MOU is not legally binding, and no legal obligations or legal rights shall arise between the local authorities from the provisions of the MOU. The local authorities enter into the MOU intending to honour all their obligations.

3. Purpose of funding

3.1. MHCLG will allocate funding of £39 million to Local Authorities across 2025 - 2029 for them to develop their strategies. This MOU addresses the funding for 2025 – 2026, totalling £19 million.

3.2. The goals of the grant are for LAs to:

- i. Develop and publish a Local Supported Housing Strategy that sets out the strategic direction and delivery plan.
- ii. Produce needs assessments by assessing the current availability of all types of supported housing within each district, and project the likely need for supported housing during the five years from the date the strategy is published.

4. Financial arrangements

4.1. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has determined under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 that a grant totalling £39 million should be paid to Local Authorities across 2025-2029. A grant in the total

of £19 million will be paid to Local Authorities in financial year 2025-2026 as outlined in Annex A.

4.2. MHCLG expects the Council to spend all grant funding by the end of the financial year 2026.

4.3. The Council should endeavour to keep a record of expenditure.

4.4. Upon completion of this MOU, MHCLG will send the Council a Grant Determination letter which sets out the financial terms and conditions under Section 31 grants.

5. Duration

5.1. This MOU applies until **March 2030**. This covers both the funding period financial year 2025/26 and the evaluation period (financial year 2029/30).

5.2. This MOU will come into effect upon signature by the local authority.

6. Monitoring and evaluation

6.1. MHCLG will provide grant funding subject to the Council hereby agreeing to full transparency open book working on all matters relating to the project, including project proposals, project expenditure, annual reporting and evaluation forms.

6.2. The Council agrees to keep a record of project expenditure.

6.3. The Council agrees to collaborate with MHCLG on monitoring and evaluation requirements, which will involve reporting quarterly on project progress, milestones and any problems they may be facing and what support can be offered.

6.4. The Council also agrees to complete an end of grant evaluation form in March 2030 which will include overall project expenditure and overall progress. MHCLG reserves the right to quality assure data.

6.6. MHCLG may publish relevant data and use it to inform public statements.

6.7. MHCLG will ensure that any information published will be processed in accordance with the requirements of the data protection legislation.

7. Wider evaluation

7.1. Participating local authorities may be asked by MHCLG to participate in a wider programme evaluation to help MHCLG better understand whether the programme was able to achieve its stated aims. This will be for the purpose of understanding the impact of the funding and the identification of any best practice or learning to inform future policy making.

8. Assurance and risk management

8.1. The Council is expected to have the necessary governance and assurance arrangements in place and that all legal and other statutory obligations and consents will be adhered to, which may include, but not solely, state aid/subsidy control, equalities duties, procurement, health and safety and fraud.

8.2. Ownership of risk will be transferred to the Council. Councils will be responsible for mitigation of any risks that arise throughout the delivery of the funding

8.3. The Council will complete their own Fraud Risk Assessment to ensure the safe administration of grants and that appropriate measures are put in place to mitigate against the risk of both fraud and payment error. We have provided a template, but the Council may use their own version.

8.4. The Council will inform MHCLG should there be any changes to their project delivery.

8.5. The Council will undertake corrective action if the quality of work does not meet expected standards.

9. Marketing and branding

9.1. The Council agrees that UK Government should be acknowledged in all marketing and promotional material as the funding source.

10. Procurement

10.1. The Council will be responsible for ensuring that any third-party partnership arrangements or procurement activities related to delivery of the funding, comply with Procurement Law and any relevant Council procurement procedures.

10.3. "Procurement Law" includes, but is not restricted to, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, Defence Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011, the Utilities and Contracts Regulations 2016 and The Procurement Act 2023 and any secondary legislation (such as regulations) and/or other Law made pursuant to the Procurement Act 2023, together with their amendments, updates and replacements from time to time.

11. Due Diligence

11.1. The Council will be responsible for undertaking due diligence checks on all third-party organisations, including community groups, suppliers and subcontractors, receiving funding and/or involved in delivery of the strategy. Evidence may be required of due diligence on community groups chosen to work with.

12. Resolution of Disputes

12.1. Any dispute that may arise as to the interpretation or application of this MOU will be settled by consultation between both parties.

13. Legal Enforcement

13.1. This MOU is not legally enforceable. It describes the understanding between both parties for the use of the Local Supported Housing Strategies.

14. Amendment of this Memorandum of Understanding

14.1. The arrangements under this MOU will be kept under review by MHCLG and the Council and can be amended upon securing written agreement between both parties.

SIGNED for on behalf of

The Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Name: Cathy Page

Position: Deputy Director, Housing with Care and Support Division, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Signature:



Date: 8 January 2026

SIGNED for on behalf of

Local Authority: Tendring District Council

Name: Tim Clarke

Position: Assistant Director – Housing & Environment

Signature:



Date: 15 January 2026

Annex A – Local Authority Allocations

Local authority	2025/26 Allocation
Adur	£43,846
Amber Valley	£54,898
Arun	£65,985
Ashfield	£54,778
Ashford	£44,485
Babergh	£43,941
Barking and Dagenham	£66,708
Barnet	£59,098
Barnsley	£58,433
Basildon	£51,007
Basingstoke and Deane	£52,859
Bassetlaw	£51,516
Bath and North East Somerset	£57,667
Bedford	£98,528
Bexley	£45,867
Birmingham	£194,872
Blaby	£45,473
Blackburn with Darwen	£60,991
Blackpool	£63,545
Bolsover	£44,115
Bolton	£125,508
Boston	£43,846
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	£74,432
Bracknell Forest	£59,545
Bradford	£126,571
Braintree	£47,589
Breckland	£43,846
Brent	£87,531
Brentwood	£46,807
Brighton and Hove	£110,323
Bristol, City of	£164,376
Broadland	£45,139
Bromley	£56,759
Bromsgrove	£66,395
Broxbourne	£44,716
Broxtowe	£45,891
Buckinghamshire	£69,736
Burnley	£54,551
Bury	£51,028
Calderdale	£59,142
Cambridge	£73,183
Camden	£113,525
Cannock Chase	£43,846
Canterbury	£49,449
Castle Point	£46,167

Central Bedfordshire	£57,018
Charnwood	£57,955
Chelmsford	£55,595
Cheltenham	£68,831
Cherwell	£48,060
Cheshire East	£75,918
Cheshire West and Chester	£89,940
Chesterfield	£53,316
Chichester	£49,405
Chorley	£57,290
City of London	£57,889
Colchester	£61,888
Cornwall	£104,016
Cotswold	£44,568
County Durham	£113,830
Coventry	£149,302
Crawley	£55,010
Croydon	£117,131
Cumberland	£62,821
Dacorum	£51,097
Darlington	£65,716
Dartford	£46,732
Derby	£76,499
Derbyshire Dales	£43,846
Doncaster	£92,434
Dorset	£55,409
Dover	£49,794
Dudley	£64,602
Ealing	£96,522
East Cambridgeshire	£44,040
East Devon	£46,583
East Hampshire	£43,985
East Hertfordshire	£47,330
East Lindsey	£49,507
East Riding of Yorkshire	£53,286
East Staffordshire	£52,713
East Suffolk	£62,022
Eastbourne	£54,577
Eastleigh	£47,255
Elmbridge	£49,862
Enfield	£74,018
Epping Forest	£67,017
Epsom and Ewell	£48,326
Erewash	£52,355
Exeter	£65,542
Fareham	£45,983
Fenland	£51,105
Folkestone and Hythe	£53,090

Forest of Dean	£47,777
Fylde	£48,857
Gateshead	£59,329
Gedling	£47,273
Gloucester	£60,061
Gosport	£45,745
Gravesham	£49,815
Great Yarmouth	£47,299
Greenwich	£85,561
Guildford	£64,010
Hackney	£81,042
Halton	£67,678
Hammersmith and Fulham	£68,410
Harborough	£43,846
Haringey	£73,072
Harlow	£51,373
Harrow	£51,571
Hart	£46,617
Hartlepool	£59,169
Hastings	£46,609
Havant	£43,846
Havering	£57,179
Herefordshire, County of	£47,010
Hertsmere	£49,680
High Peak	£44,978
Hillingdon	£72,094
Hinckley and Bosworth	£44,914
Horsham	£48,977
Hounslow	£63,939
Huntingdonshire	£67,547
Hyndburn	£56,946
Ipswich	£68,611
Isle of Wight	£54,011
Islington	£85,820
Kensington and Chelsea	£96,021
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£48,726
Kingston upon Hull, City of	£137,138
Kingston upon Thames	£56,086
Kirklees	£62,807
Knowsley	£77,110
Lambeth	£111,407
Lancaster	£67,566
Leeds	£166,479
Leicester	£86,111
Lewes	£43,846
Lewisham	£118,689
Lichfield	£44,957
Lincoln	£58,510

Liverpool	£194,872
Luton	£82,649
Maidstone	£52,249
Maldon	£43,846
Malvern Hills	£43,846
Manchester	£194,872
Mansfield	£55,210
Medway	£71,254
Melton	£43,846
Merton	£52,449
Mid Devon	£43,846
Mid Suffolk	£43,846
Mid Sussex	£49,498
Middlesbrough	£81,425
Milton Keynes	£76,541
Mole Valley	£53,801
New Forest	£56,306
Newark and Sherwood	£53,954
Newcastle upon Tyne	£103,234
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£49,632
Newham	£78,757
North Devon	£64,877
North East Derbyshire	£46,492
North East Lincolnshire	£76,141
North Hertfordshire	£49,631
North Kesteven	£44,051
North Lincolnshire	£56,810
North Norfolk	£44,448
North Northamptonshire	£66,315
North Somerset	£72,809
North Tyneside	£61,417
North Warwickshire	£45,474
North West Leicestershire	£44,768
North Yorkshire	£87,377
Northumberland	£67,347
Norwich	£77,031
Nottingham	£168,867
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£47,158
Oadby and Wigston	£43,846
Oldham	£71,521
Oxford	£75,848
Pendle	£47,585
Peterborough	£71,840
Plymouth	£78,184
Portsmouth	£79,463
Preston	£81,972
Reading	£71,994
Redbridge	£72,186

Redcar and Cleveland	£44,100
Redditch	£49,772
Reigate and Banstead	£59,745
Ribble Valley	£45,172
Richmond upon Thames	£49,294
Rochdale	£116,279
Rochford	£43,846
Rossendale	£49,621
Rother	£45,178
Rotherham	£82,763
Rugby	£46,217
Runnymede	£52,975
Rushcliffe	£44,246
Rushmoor	£48,960
Rutland	£43,962
Salford	£100,106
Sandwell	£59,174
Sefton	£74,784
Sevenoaks	£44,779
Sheffield	£133,547
Shropshire	£75,560
Slough	£54,824
Solihull	£61,813
Somerset	£93,424
South Cambridgeshire	£49,780
South Derbyshire	£45,240
South Gloucestershire	£67,683
South Hams	£45,441
South Holland	£43,846
South Kesteven	£49,496
South Norfolk	£45,714
South Oxfordshire	£48,929
South Ribble	£49,585
South Staffordshire	£58,349
South Tyneside	£53,040
Southampton	£137,756
Southend-on-Sea	£103,850
Southwark	£104,202
Spelthorne	£54,355
St Albans	£60,891
St. Helens	£77,092
Stafford	£48,041
Staffordshire Moorlands	£43,846
Stevenage	£49,062
Stockport	£66,106
Stockton-on-Tees	£57,497
Stoke-on-Trent	£86,271
Stratford-on-Avon	£49,512

Stroud	£44,691
Sunderland	£82,383
Surrey Heath	£47,292
Sutton	£54,748
Swale	£46,772
Swindon	£61,127
Tameside	£65,319
Tamworth	£43,846
Tandridge	£50,997
Teignbridge	£45,539
Telford and Wrekin	£130,604
Tendring	£53,548
Test Valley	£48,463
Tewkesbury	£45,487
Thanet	£47,224
Three Rivers	£50,320
Thurrock	£50,175
Tonbridge and Malling	£62,220
Torbay	£50,094
Torridge	£43,846
Tower Hamlets	£103,356
Trafford	£57,218
Tunbridge Wells	£47,932
Uttlesford	£48,639
Vale of White Horse	£48,684
Wakefield	£92,578
Walsall	£53,166
Waltham Forest	£66,884
Wandsworth	£58,987
Warrington	£85,143
Warwick	£58,803
Watford	£60,172
Waverley	£45,591
Wealden	£46,444
Welwyn Hatfield	£57,279
West Berkshire	£69,194
West Devon	£44,033
West Lancashire	£46,352
West Lindsey	£43,846
West Northamptonshire	£71,619
West Oxfordshire	£46,095
West Suffolk	£57,124
Westminster	£119,336
Westmorland and Furness	£66,301
Wigan	£94,494
Wiltshire	£65,077
Winchester	£47,856
Windsor and Maidenhead	£48,888

Wirral	£98,950
Woking	£54,525
Wokingham	£56,345
Wolverhampton	£75,336
Worcester	£61,809
Worthing	£59,949
Wychavon	£47,849
Wyre	£48,967
Wyre Forest	£45,225
York	£52,487