



Pact Progress Research

Monitoring the sector's progress against the 2016 Housing Supply Pact

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CHC has historically commissioned research on housing associations' performance to Beaufort & the Welsh Economy Research Unit (WERU). This research has included data that allows us to monitor the sector's progress against the commitments made in the 2016 Housing Supply Pact between CHC, Welsh Government and WLGA (see p2 for a summary). CHC have recently reviewed their research and data activities as a whole.

The research monitoring progress against the Pact will be project managed by Sarah Scotcher, supported by Bryony Haynes. Key areas to be monitored will be confirmed shortly, and may include homelessness prevention and providing employment/training opportunities as well as the number of additional homes delivered by HAs.

The first report (additional homes) will be released at Annual conference in November, with the remaining data being reported a few weeks later (see Workplan for more detail). The intention is that this monitoring will take place more regularly in future, rather than a single annual collection, as part of an ongoing dialogue with Welsh Government and the WLGA.

Related issues to note:

- Impact research – a one-off piece of work: 'what would be the impact if CHC's Housing Horizons ambitions were achieved?' (AH leading)



- Decarbonisation – the roll-out of a retrofit programme to improve homes’ energy efficiency. Data, monitoring and evaluation are key here
- Fuel poverty – a major driver of the above agenda
- IHP/OSM – Welsh Government are developing an OSM Strategy, and many HAs have developed via IHP (includes monitoring & evaluation)
- Homelessness prevention – recent increased focus on HAs’ role in this
- VfM/added value – best use of public funds, rewarding ‘good behaviour’ with support & grant, delivering on Pact commitments

2016 Housing Supply Pact - CHC, Welsh Government & WLGA 5 year period (the 2016-21 Assembly term)	
Key Outcomes	Key Enablers
Deliver 13.5k additional affordable housing units, contributing to overall 20k target (HAs to provide 12.5k)	Ensure that the sustainable rent policy is in place for the next 5 years to remove the potential uncertainty about developing new homes
Work together to support the innovative development and delivery of new models of affordable housing that meet current demands and also the needs of the future	Continued commitment to investing in affordable housing through sufficient SHG capital funding, regeneration grant and support for innovative finance schemes such as HFG to enable the target to be achieved
Create up to 12,500 training and employment opportunities, including jobs and apprenticeships and offer skills development and support to 25,000 tenants	Support housing development across all markets and geographies, including urban areas and through a continuation of funding for Rural Housing Enablers and support for Co-operative housing
To help tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions in homes	Act swiftly and decisively to ensure the independence of the housing association sector is maintained
Continue to mitigate the impact of ongoing welfare reforms, and invest further to prepare tenants for Universal Credit	Engage with UK government on requesting the removal of the borrowing cap for LAs
Effective co-operation with key partners to prevent homelessness, and reduced use of B&B accommodation for 16 and 17 year olds and care-leavers	Maximise the HRA borrowing cap by ensuring flexibility in redistribution and lending arrangements between Local Housing Authorities
Work together to create safe and resilient communities and improve help for victims of anti- social behaviour and domestic abuse	Prioritise creative use of land and seek the release of land owned by the WG and others for housing
Contributing to the preventative health agenda through developing housing, support and social care solutions.	Encourage swift development of sites allocated in Development Plans to prevent longer term land banking



	Lever in as much additional housing as viable through adopted planning processes and investigate planning mechanisms to de-risk sites
	Funding to prevent homelessness and to support people to live independently and with dignity

https://chcymru.org.uk/uploads/events_attachments/Housing_Supply_Pact_-_final_English_2.pdf