

A Housing Strategy for Halton 2026–2031

Our Vision

Quality, affordable and sustainable homes | Thriving, inclusive communities
Stronger local economies | Greater opportunity and fairness for all

DELIVERY THROUGH OUR STRATEGY

2,246

new homes
by 2031

683

affordable homes
by 2031

**Evidence
led**

**Partnership
driven**

Our Four Strategic Priorities

Driving Economic Growth Through Housing-led investment

What we will do

- Establish a **Housing Delivery Hub** as a one-stop shop for investors and partners
- Produce a **Housing Opportunity Prospectus** to unlock development
- Drive **brownfield and town centre regeneration**
- Support growth in **Build to Rent** and diversified housing markets
- Maximise **social value, skills and local jobs** through housing delivery
- Enable development through **strategic land assembly**



Target: 2,246 new homes delivered by 2031

Creating Inclusive Housing Markets to Promote Fairness

What we will do

- Create an **Affordable and Specialist Housing Needs Fund**
- Apply a **Local Connection Policy** to prioritise Halton residents for affordable home ownership
- Operate a **Landlord Accreditation scheme**
- Prepare for and deliver the **Renters' Rights Bill** locally
- Strengthen **homelessness prevention and early intervention**



Target: 683 affordable homes delivered by 2031

Supporting Independent Living, Empowering People, and Strengthening Communities

What we will do

- Publish a **Specialist Housing Prospectus**
- Deliver **2,790 older persons homes** to meet identified need
- Promote **"own front door"** housing models
- Develop **core-and-cluster schemes** with flexible support
- Ensure new homes are **tech-ready and future-proofed**
- Improve **housing pathways for care leavers**



Target: Specialist housing need met by 2042

Promoting Healthy Homes, Thriving Communities and Resilient Neighbourhoods

What we will do

- Target **energy-inefficient homes**, prioritising approximately **7,700 E–G energy rated properties**
- Improve standards in the **Private Rented Sector through selective licensing**
- Strengthen **housing and health integration**
- Embed **"every contact counts"** approaches
- Reduce **fuel poverty and health inequalities**
- **Prioritise unoccupied homes** for improvement and reuse



Target: Enhance efficiency of c.7,700 E–G energy-rated homes

Delivered Through:

Council as Civic Leader

Setting direction, championing innovation and maximising council assets



Partnership Working

Collaborating with housing associations, health partners, developers and communities



Invest to Save

Targeted investment to reduce costs, increase income and deliver long-term value

Monitored by: Housing Strategy Delivery Plan | Halton Housing Partnership | Annual reporting