

Associated guidance for this document can be found [here](#). Each section has a link to the relevant section within the guidance document.

1 Details of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function)

1.1 Directorate	Health, Housing and Communities
1.2 Service	Housing

1.3 Title of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function):
Homes England Compliance Audit 2023-24

1.4 Brief description of the activity:
The annual Homes England Compliance Audit is required by the funder, to ensure all allocated grant funding to Investment Partners is spent and managed in line with the signed funding agreement and the Capital Funding Guide.

1.5 If the activity involves working with other directorates, partners or joint commissioning please state who is involved:
Homes England and Veritau.

1.6 Will all or part of the activity be delivered through a provider external to the Council? If Yes, please refer to the Corporate Procurement Processes
Yes

1.7 If Yes, please explain what element(s) of the activity will be delivered through an external provider:
Homes England requires all information to be uploaded to Homes England's Compliance Audit System. The Compliance Audit requires the Investment Partner to appoint an Independent Auditor (IA). Veritau was appointed as IA to verify evidence provided by the Housing Development Team.

1.8 Which areas of the city will be impacted?	
Whole City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coalfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
East	<input type="checkbox"/>
North	<input type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>
West	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal Council Activity – Impact on employees	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.9 Is the activity targeted at protected characteristics or any other key groups?	
All of the below	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age (e.g. older people, younger people/children, a specific age group)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability (e.g. mobility, long term health conditions, sensory impairment or loss, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief (including no belief)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Experienced People	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people who are cared for or care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
People vulnerable to socio-economic deprivation (e.g. unemployed, low income, living in deprived areas, poor/no accommodation, low skills, low literacy etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2 Data and Intelligence

[Guidance for this section](#)

2.1 What data and intelligence has informed the activity?

The Council's Housing Strategy and the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan. The signed Grant Agreement (Local Authority) in relation to the Affordable Homes Programme 2021-2026 for Continuous Market Engagement and the Capital Funding Guide

2.2 Summary of data / intelligence / consultation outcomes to inform understanding of differences in:

- the way people use, access or experience your activity;
- how the activity may impact; and/or
- outcomes for different groups?

3 Equality and Human Rights

[Guidance for this section](#)

3.1 Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation

What impact will the activity have?

Not Applicable

Explain how/why:

Ensuring a safe place to stay for those found to be homeless.

3.2 Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

What impact will the activity have?

Not Applicable

Explain how/why:

3.3 Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

What impact will the activity have?

Not Applicable

Explain how/why:

3.4 Age (older ages, children and young people, middle ages, an age range or a specific age)

What impact will the activity have?

Not Applicable

Explain how/why:

3.5 Disability (mobility, long-term health conditions, sensory, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.6 Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one sex to another)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.7 Marriage and Civil Partnership
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.8 Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.9 Race (colour, ethnicity, country of origin, culture, etc.)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.10 Religion / Belief (including no belief)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.11 Sex (male or female)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.12 Sexual orientation
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.13 Will the activity impact on an individual’s Human Rights as enshrined in UK law?
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

3.14 Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people cared for and care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders, homeless or multiple complexities/characteristics)
What impact will the activity have?
Not Applicable
Explain how/why:

4 Reducing socio-economic and digital inequalities

[Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

4.1 Impact on residents’ financial circumstances	Not Applicable
4.2 Impact on housing, including type, range, affordability, quality and/or condition	Positive
4.3 Impact on digital inclusion or access	Not Applicable
4.4 Impact on education, skills and lifelong learning	Not Applicable
4.5 Impact on employment, including quality and access	Not Applicable

4.6 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes
Using Homes England grant allocation we have increased the supply and range of Affordable Rent homes across the City. By complying with the requirements of the Compliance Audit, the Council remains an Investment Partner with Homes England and eligible to apply for future grant funding.
4.7 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)
Through the Council’s Housing Delivery and Investment Plan targets/outputs and the quarterly Housing Service KPIs.

5 Improving population health and reducing health inequalities

[Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

5.1 Help promote healthy living	Not Applicable
5.2 Help promote safe and inclusive environments	Not Applicable
5.3 Impact on children, young people and families	Not Applicable
5.4 Impact on natural and built surroundings	Not Applicable
5.5 Impact on accessibility and active travel encouraging active behaviours	Not Applicable
5.6 Impact on living independently	Positive

5.7 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes
Using Homes England grant allocation we have increased the supply of M4(Cat 2/3) Affordable Rent homes across

the City, often incorporating smart technology. By complying with the requirements of the Compliance Audit, the Council remains an Investment Partner with Homes England and eligible to apply for future grant funding.

5.8 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)

Through the Council’s Housing Delivery and Investment Plan targets/outputs and the quarterly Housing Service KPIs.

6 Carbon reduction and sustainability

[Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

6.1 Adapting our behaviour (environmentally significant)	Not Applicable
6.2 Impact on biodiversity and natural environment	Not Applicable
6.3 Impact on energy efficient built environment	Positive
6.4 Impact on renewable energy generation and storage	Not Applicable
6.5 Impact on travel and active transport	Not Applicable
6.6 Impact on the green economy	Not Applicable
6.7 Impact on waste, recycling and consumption	Not Applicable

6.8 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes

Using Homes England grant allocation we have increased the supply and range of Affordable Rent homes across the City, incorporating Low and Zero Carbon Strategies. By complying with the requirements of the Compliance Audit, the Council remains an Investment Partner with Homes England and eligible to apply for future grant funding.

6.9 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)

Through the Council’s Housing Delivery and Investment Plan targets/outputs and the quarterly Housing Service KPIs.

7 Community wealth building

[Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

7.1 Impact on community wealth and social value	Not Applicable
7.2 Impact on social inclusion, integration, and fostering good relations	Not Applicable
7.3 Impact on crime reduction, anti-social behaviour and community safety	Positive
7.4 Impact on access to services	Positive

7.5 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes

Using Homes England grant allocation we have increased the supply and range of Affordable Rent homes with Secured By Design Accreditation across the City. Many projects incorporate specialist care and support services. By complying with the requirements of the Compliance Audit, the Council remains an Investment Partner with Homes England and eligible to apply for future grant funding.

7.6 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)

Through the Council’s Housing Delivery and Investment Plan targets/outputs and the quarterly Housing Service KPIs.

8 Key Actions

Any key actions identified throughout the IIA should be recorded here. This will be the action plan linked to your activity and should be implemented to ensure all inequalities or negative impacts are mitigated.

Key Actions	Timescale	Responsible Officer	Review Date

Responsible officer sign off:	
Name	Amanda Gallagher
Job Title	Housing Development Manager
Responsible officer for reviewing actions:	
Name	
Job Title	

Once the Integrated Impact Assessment is complete, please send to IIA@sunderland.gov.uk.

