**Neath Port Talbot Council**

**Housing Support Programme Strategy 2022-2026**

**Consultation**

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**1- Background**

Neath Port Talbot Council’s vision is to create a county where everyone has an equal opportunity to be healthier, happier, safer and prosperous. Our draft Housing Support Programme Strategy sets out how we intend to meet the housing support needs of the local population now and for the future.

The vision for housing, as outlined in the Housing Strategy, is ***Housing in Neath Port Talbot will be appropriate, affordable, of good quality, in sustainable communities, offering people choice and support of they need it.***

Through partnership working with other agencies such as Registered Social Landlords, the private sector, the third sector, health and community organisations, we will aim to prevent homelessness, and where it cannot be prevented, ensure it is rare, brief and unrelated. To do this we will aim to tackle the root cause of homelessness, to ensure ‘***Neath Port Talbot is a place where nobody is homeless and everyone has a safe home where they can flourish and live a fulfilled, active and independent life’.***

**2 - What are the aims of this consultation?**

The aims of the consultation are to:-

 Make sure that all interested parties are aware of what we are proposing in the Housing Support Programme Strategy for NPT

 Provide clear information so that people understand why the changes are necessary

 Make sure that people have all the information they need to come to an informed opinion

 Encourage people to give their views on the proposal (outlined in section 4).

 Make sure people know how to submit their views

 Collect feedback and consider this before a final decision is made

**3- When will the consultation take place?**

The Council will be collecting feedback for 90 days from 30th May 2022 to 28th August 2022 (see section 5 for how to give your views).

After the consultation ends, all of the feedback will be analysed and a report will be presented to Cabinet. This report will set out the proposals and recommendations, taking into account the feedback from the consultation.

**4 - Strategy Summary**

Neath Port Talbot aims to end homelessness. Whilst this is a challenging ambition, it is our intention that we will focus our energies and resources to do all we can to prevent homelessness from happening, and if it does, that there is an appropriate and compassionate response to enabling all households to obtain secure and safe accommodation.

To do this we need to work differently.

 We need to procure more housing to offer good quality temporary accommodation to quickly accommodate people who are homeless, and to facilitate the supply of permanent, affordable homes.

 We will transition to the development of a Rapid Rehousing model, so everyone in crisis can be housed and supported very quickly.

 We need to ensure our support model is fit for purpose, and can deliver tailored and appropriate support to everyone, including those with complex needs.

 We will build on our relationships with our partner housing associations, landlords and support agencies to co-create a housing pathway that works for our community, because we know we cannot end homelessness on our own.

 We will provide a personalised response to each person which considers their experience and the underlying causes of their crisis.

**5 - How will the Council collect views and opinions?**

The Council will be collecting views and opinions on this proposal:

 Online - for details of the Strategy and Consultation feedback form visit www.npt.gov.uk/haveyoursay

 In writing— You can write to us or complete the Feedback Form at the end of this booklet.

For further information email: ccu@npt.gov.uk

Letters and forms can be posted to:

Neath Port Talbot Council

Housing Support Programme Strategy Consultation

Social Services

Neath Civic Centre

Neath
SA11 3QZ

or

email ccu@npt.gov.uk

You can find the proposals and an online version of this questionnaire

on our website atwww.npt.gov.uk/haveyoursay

**Why are you interested in the Council’s Consultation?** (please P all that apply)

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|   | I line in Neath Port Talbot |   | I am a volunteer in Neath Port Talbot |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   | I work for NPT Council |   | I am an unpaid carer |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   | I work in Neath Port Talbot |   | I use services provided by NPT Council |
|   |   |   |   |
|   | I run a business in Neath Port Talbot |   | I work for a third sector or voluntary organisation in NPT |
|   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Other (*please specify*): |   |

**Having read the information we have published about our proposal, do you feel more informed about these?** (please P one answer)

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|   | Yes |   | No |   | Partly |   | Don't know |

**Please indicate how you feel about the Strategy aims and proposals in general** (please P one answer)

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|   | Agree with  |
|   |   |
| Please indicate the main reasons why you agree                 |

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|   | Neither agree nor disagree  |
|   |   |
| *Please specify why you neither agree or disagree*    |

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|   | Disagree with  |
|   |   |
| *Please specify why you disagree*  |

**About You:** The Council operates equality policies that aim to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and equally. To make sure that people are not discriminated against when accessing our services we carry out monitoring and therefore would be grateful if you could answer the following questions. The information you provide is strictly confidential.

**What is your postcode?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** (please **P** one answer)

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|   | Under 16 |   | 30-39 |   | 60-69 |   | 86+ |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 16-24 |   | 40-49 |   | 70-74 |   | Prefer not to say |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 25-29 |   | 50-59 |   |  75-85 |   |   |

**Welsh Language – are you: (please / one answer)**

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|   | Fluent speaker & writer |   | Fluent speaker |   | Learner |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Fairly fluent speaker & writer |   | Fairly fluent speaker |   | Little or no knowledge |

**Do you consider yourself to have a disability?** (please **P** one answer)

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|   | Yes |   | No |   | Prefer not to say |

**Gypsy & Traveller Communities—please specify**

**Ethnic origin:** (please **P** one answer)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | White British |   | Mixed: White & Asian |   | Black: African |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | White Irish |   | Indian |   | Black: Caribbean |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Mixed: White & Black Caribbean |   | Bangladeshi |   | Chinese |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Mixed: White & Black African |   | Pakistani |   | Gypsy & Traveller Communities |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Prefer not to say |   |  Other |   |   |

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| Other Ethnic Group *(please specify):* |

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|   | Irish Traveller |   | New Traveller |   | Roma |   | Romani Gypsy |
|   | Showperson |   | Other |   |   |   |   |

**Other Gypsy & Traveller Communities—please specify**

**Gender** (please **P** one answer)

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|   | Male |   | Female |   | Transgender |   | Prefer not to say |

**Religion/Belief**: (please **P** one answer)

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|   | Christian |   | Buddhist |   | Hindu |   | Jewish |   | Muslim |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Sikh |   | No religion |   | Any other religion |   | Prefer not to say |

**Sexual Orientation** (please **P** one answer)

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|   | Heterosexual |   | Lesbian |   | Gay |   | Bisexual |   | Prefer not to say |
|   | Other (please specify) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Nationality** (please **P** one answer)

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| Welsh |   | Scottish |   | English |   | British |
| Irish |   | Prefer not to say |   | Other (please specify) |   |   |

**About this consultation**

How did you hear about this consultation? (please **P** all that apply):

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | Radio |   | Youtube |   | NPT Council website (www.npt.gov.uk) |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Article in local newspaper |   | Poster |   | Direct email |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Facebook (NeathPortTalbotCBC) |   | Information stand |   | Local town, community or county |
|   |   |   |   |   | borough councillor |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Twitter (@NPTCouncil) |   | Word of mouth |   | Other |

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| --- |
| Other *(please specify):* |

We are interested to know what you thought of this consultation. Please let us know:

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| Was it easy to understand? |   | Yes |   | No |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Was the content informative |   | Yes |   | No |

Any further comments about this consultation?

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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME***

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