



Housing and Technical Resources

Rigside Neighbourhood News 2019/20

Housing Services continues to work with the community, local groups, elected members and other partners to deliver local housing plans

In the last edition, we provided you with an update on the housing plan for Rigside which we continue to implement and review each year.

The housing plan sets out the priorities for the year ahead and takes into consideration the supply and demand for housing in the area, the condition and management of open space and the condition of gardens.

You will see from the update below 2019/20 has been a busy year for housing services with good progress made against the actions we agreed with some of these continuing to be a focus for 2020/21.

Progress over the last year included:

- A number of long term empty properties being let
- Continued ground maintenance programme to ensure continued maintenance of the overall appearance of the area
- Joint working with Environmental Services to tackle 'hot spot' garden issues
- Decrease in number of reports of anti-social behaviour

A good news story!

Your views matter

We want to continue to build on the housing plan and develop this further year on year for the future sustainment of Rigside.

Although at present we are not able to come together in the more traditional ways we are still keen to hear your views and be involved in our future housing plans.

Options may include:

- surveys/questionnaires
- online options to engage
- virtual contact with housing staff

The original plan is available should you wish a copy, or if you would like any further information or to discuss the plan or how you can get involved please contact the Clydesdale Housing Office on 0303 123 1012 or by email at housing.lanark@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

Please let us know what you think and we can agree next steps together. We look forward to hearing from you and working together for the long term benefit of Law community.

Rigside Housing Plan

Priorities agreed in 2019	April 2019 to March 2020 update
Address lack of demand for housing resulting in long term empty properties and risk to longer term sustainability of area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Services continues to promote the area through our Home Options service. • There continues to be a positive increase in demand for housing in the area over the last few years. • During 2019/20 there were 15 new lets in the area.
Remove blight of concentrated long terms empty properties in area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 properties were identified for sale. • There continues to be a small number of long term empty homes, particularly larger properties. • Housing Services continues to promote the availability of properties in the area. • We will continue to monitor the demand for property in the area for future consideration.
Ongoing maintenance and improvement of housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home+ programme is ongoing to fully meet and maintain Scottish Housing Quality and Energy Efficiency Standards.
Improve standards of individual gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During 2019/20 we continued our enhanced programme of garden inspections. • We continued our regular maintenance of council owned empty homes. • During 2019/20, 1,084 garden inspections were carried out, an increase on the previous year. • Work continued with Land Services to ensure the removal of bulk items which have been fly tipped at a number of empty homes.
Improve condition of open space/refuse disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Hot spot' areas identified and continue to be monitored. • 4 weekly area inspections led by Housing Services were completed during the year.
Promote community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 anti-social behaviour complaints were received compared to 17 complaints received in 2018/19. • Results of investigations include two cases passed to Anti-Social Investigation Team. • Community Wardens continue to carry out regular patrols of the area.
Create opportunities for community involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community engagement continued throughout 2019/20 particularly through the local housing forum.

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