



Housing and Technical Resources

Glespin 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 Glespin 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 slight increase in demand for housing which has reduced the number of empty properties.
- an improvement in the number of tenants remaining in their home with only one tenancy ended in under 12 months during 2019/20.
- extension to grounds maintenance to ensure all void property garden areas are maintained.

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 Glespin

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 the Glespin community.

Glespin 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 continued marketing properties available for let during 2019/20 and promoted these to customers who approached our Home Options Service. • Housing Services secured 3 lets during 2019/20 which is an increase in 1 let from the previous year. • Tenancy duration rate has continued to be high and the community remains well settled.
Remove blight of concentrated long terms empty properties in area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has continued to improve the condition of the demolition sites during 2019/20. • A small number of long term empty properties remain due to lack of demand for housing. • One property has been placed for sale on the open market.
Ongoing maintenance and improvement of housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home+ programme ongoing to fully meet and maintain Scottish Housing Quality and Energy Efficiency Standards. • The upgrade of external lighting at the rear of Hillview Crescent was completed during 19/20.
Improve standards of individual gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced programme of inspections continued during 2019/20. • Regular maintenance of council owned empty homes continued to be carried out. • During 2019/20, 298 garden inspections carried out with improvements noted throughout the year - six garden letters issued which is an improvement on the previous year.
Improve condition of open space/refuse disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular area inspections were led by Housing Services to ensure good standards maintained throughout the year. • Further works required to improve the condition of the demolition sites.
Promote community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was one anti-social behaviour complaint received during 2019/20. • Levels of anti-social behaviour are generally very low. However, we continue to work with all partners including, Anti-Social Investigation Team, Mediation Service and Environmental Health to resolve cases.
Create opportunities for community involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further consultation is required during 2020/21 and we encourage feedback to Housing Services.

If you need this information in a different format or language, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs on 0303 123 1015 or equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk