What is Community Led Housing?

Locality

New Build

Saffron Lane Neighbourhood Council, Leicester

Refurbishment and Self-Help Housing

North Huyton Community Futures, Knowsley

Canopy and LATCH in Leeds

Self-Build Housing

Giroscope, Hull

Knowle West Media Centre, Bristol

3 main routes to delivery

Group-led

Extension of community based activity

Developer-Community Partnership

A Definition for Community Led Housing?

Group of national CLH bodies have worked in partnership to develop a definition which is based on **core principles** rather than hard and fast rules:

- A requirement that **meaningful community engagement and consent occurs throughout the process**. The community does not necessarily have to initiate and manage the development process, or build the homes themselves, though many do.
- The **local community group or organisation owns, manages or stewards the homes and in a manner of their choosing.**
- A requirement that the **benefits to the local area and/or specified community must be clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity** e.g. through an asset lock.
- **A 'community' can be both a community of place or a community of interest**.
- **Membership of that organisation or group must be open to anyone** within that defined community.

Why do it?
Benefits of Community Led Housing

- Build houses that the community needs – older people, young families, young people, communities of interest..
- Build affordable housing – that stays affordable in perpetuity
- Mobilise local support for building more housing
- Build homes where developers are not interested
- Regenerate local communities – new build and refurbishment
- Recycle income back into your community organisation and your area
- Rental income can help fund wrap around support services to tenants/ residents

Locality's Member's CLH Network

- Locality has 55 CLH members
- Regular networking meetings and problem solving
- Sharing good practice
- Gain mentors and peer support
- We move around country - learning visits
- An opportunity to help shape the operating environment and lobby government

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KEY RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING:

Resource

Toolkit 1: Getting your community-led housing project up and running

This is a guide for groups who are considering a particular community-led housing project and...

Toolkit, Video

Resource

Toolkit 2: How to tackle community-led housing project planning

This is a guide for groups who have decided to develop a community-led housing project...

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Toolkit 3: How to fund your community-led housing project

This is a guide for groups who have decided to develop a community-led housing project...

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Toolkit 4: How to deliver your community-led housing project

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https://mycommunity.org.uk/take-action/community-led-housing/

Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme

- Technical support packages provide professional support to undertake Housing Needs Assessments, site assessments and allocations, viability studies, CRTB Orders etc....

- £9k grant for Neighbourhood Plans

- Allocating housing sites = additional grant up to £15k

http://mycommunity.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-resource-pack/

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Locality's Early Stage Support Programme in Chichester

Support from Locality staff and CLH consultants to:

- Explore local housing needs
- Find the right CLH model for you
- 'Form follows function' – support to look at different options for incorporation and understand most appropriate legal structure
- Explore sites/buildings
- Start to develop project proposals
- Pairing CLH practitioners with you
- Funding from CDC for visits to other schemes, legal fees for incorporation, joining membership bodies, publicity, technical surveys..etc.

THANK YOU!

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