



Good Practice

Objective

<p>Training sessions for elected members</p>	<p>To help ensure elected members are properly informed and kept up to date with the national and local policy surrounding strategic housing and planning with regard to rural specific issues. This is to ensure decisions are properly informed.</p>
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Detail

Regular briefing and training sessions are undertaken on specific areas which affect the Council, including rural affordable housing.

This training is carried out by officers and other partners such as Registered Providers, gypsy and traveller liaison officers and other stakeholders. Training is co-ordinated by the head of planning with the chair of the development control committee. The Council proactively sets aside funds for member development.

This approach is also supported by regular tours of the district to look at completed schemes, including rural schemes, with the objective to see the impact of development on the area.

Outcomes

Members have been trained on the application of the affordable housing policy, how commuted sums work, Section 106 agreements and Gypsy and Travellers housing needs.

Next stages will be delivering the building for life training with CABE.

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