



Good Practice

Objective

<p>District Implementation Group (DIG)</p>	<p>To foster and maintain joined up working practices across local authority functions, and with key external partners in the delivery of rural affordable housing.</p>
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Detail

The DIG is the ‘local arm’ of the [Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership](#) and comprises of Officers (Housing, Planning Policy and Development management) the [Oxfordshire Rural Community Council](#) employed Rural Housing Enabler (RHE), the Registered Provider and contractor.

By the key partners meeting at regular 6 weekly intervals, momentum is maintained on schemes, actions are agreed and problems solved where a scheme is not progressing. It also provides an opportunity to discuss improvements in working practice. Meetings are chaired by Cherwell District Council and minuted by the RHE.

DIG builds on the good internal working procedural policy already in place at Cherwell DC, through inclusion of key external partners in the delivery of rural affordable housing.

Outcomes

Cherwell has traditionally delivered a high percentage of rural housing on [s106](#) sites but found that exception sites were not getting delivered.

In 2009 we had one rural exception site delivered. We now have one scheme submitted for planning with landowner agreement to sell on a further 2 sites.

We are currently working with 19 parishes to try and find a rural exception site in their parish.

[Rolls and responsibilities of members of Cherwell DIG](#)

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