



Rural Housing Partnership

Objective

<p>Chichester Rural Housing Partnership</p>	<p>To increase the available stock of rural affordable housing in parishes with a significant local housing need. The Chichester Rural Housing Partnership was created in response to an identified high need for affordable housing in rural areas.</p>
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Detail

Chichester District Council (CDC) has entered into a partnership with a local provider, [HydeMartlet](#) (formerly Martlet Homes) to deliver 125 new affordable homes over a five year agreement.

Principle purposes as stated in the agreement:

1. To maximise the investment in affordable housing in rural villages across Chichester district with a five year programme to meet the district rural housing targets and the regional priority for affordable housing
2. To improve the deliverability of rural affordable housing schemes by identifying specific sites over the period of the agreement and both parties using their best endeavours to deliver units on those sites as quickly as possible
3. To fund the post of the Rural Housing Enabler as an employee of the Council
4. To ensure that at least 25% of all new build units are delivered using [modern methods of construction](#)
5. to provide an innovative means of funding and to secure affordable housing by maximising funding capacity and a programme of schemes to attract [Homes and Communities Agency] funding by allowing the Rural Housing Pot monies to be recycled as far as possible.
6. To achieve at least “very good” ecohomes [Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3] standard and to meet or exceed scheme development standards on all new build units.

Detail (cont.)

Martlet Homes were selected on the basis that they would match the council's investment of £3m in land resources (as CDC's LSVT partner they had large areas of developable land), and financial contributions towards the RHE post, Community Development Worker, infrastructure, and survey and consultancy costs.

The partnership employs a Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) who is employed in-house at Chichester District Council (but funded largely by HydeMartlet).

The RHE is responsible for identifying areas of high need and looking for available sites in the parish. The partnership also has the resources of a Rural Development Officer at HydeMartlet who has support from other officers involved in a similar partnership in Hampshire, and a dedicated Community Development Worker.

Update – 2012 Hyde were reappointed in 2011 following a competitive selection process.

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