



# Our plan about better housing for people in South Gloucestershire

This is about our work for now and the future



**Housing Strategy 2023**



## About this document

We are **South Gloucestershire Council**.



This is our plan to help make housing good for everyone in South Gloucestershire.



Housing means houses and flats that people live in.

The plan is about our work for now and the future.

## Why we made a new plan about housing

We want everyone in South Gloucestershire to have housing that is right for them and that they can afford.

Everyone has a right to housing like that.

But not everyone is getting the right housing for them at the moment.





There should be enough good, safe and healthy homes for everyone.

The homes should be in good and safe local areas that people want to live in.

The local areas should be easy for everyone to live in.



Living in a good home is important.

It is better for our health.

It can also help us to have a good life.



Good homes can also help to stop climate change.

Climate change is about the earth getting warmer.

That is causing big problems like bad storms, floods and too much heat.



We want all new homes to be better for stopping climate change.

That includes homes that are changed to make them better.



We want this plan to be fair to all groups of people.

For example, we know that some people might need more support with housing.

Like disabled people and older people.



There are more people living in South Gloucestershire. And there will be even more people in the future.

That means we need more new houses and flats.



We found that there are **3 main things** we must work on to get better housing.

You can find out more about the 3 things in the rest of this plan.



## **The 3 main things that we will work on**

We will work with other organisations to do this work.



### **1. Making sure there is a home for everyone that is right for them**

That means making sure that everyone has the home they need.



### **The main things we plan to do:**

We will keep finding out what housing different groups of people in South Gloucestershire need.



We want more good housing for people.

The housing should be right for different groups of people.

That includes disabled people, older people and people who do not earn much.



We will look at new ideas for how to pay for new housing.



We want more housing that does not cost too much to buy or rent.

Rent is when you pay money to live in someone's home.



We want housing of different types and sizes.

That is because different people will need different housing.



We want people to have a choice of housing that costs less to rent.

The housing should be run by organisations that work in a good way.



We will keep checking our housing rules to make sure they work for people who need housing the most.

For example, we will check our rules about how we give people housing that is cheaper to rent.



We want more housing that is right for older people and what they want.

Older people should have a good choice of housing.

The housing should support them to do more things on their own.



We want more housing where some groups of people can live and get the right support.

For example, disabled people and people with mental health conditions.

The housing should help them to have a good life.



## 2. Making sure that homes work better

We want homes that are warm, safe and do not cost too much to live in.



Homes should also help to stop climate change.

### The main things we plan to do:

Some people find it hard to pay gas and electricity bills because they cost too much.



We want to stop this happening where possible.

For example, by making sure that people get good advice and support to make their homes warmer.







We want to support more people to make their homes warmer and cost less to heat.



Some things can help with that.

For example:

- Insulation to keep homes warmer
- New ways to heat homes



We want to support more people to stay in their homes as they get older.

For example, by supporting them to change their homes if they need to.

Some houses have more than 3 people living there.

But they are not part of the same family.

They are just sharing the house.

We want to make this housing better and safer.





### **3. Making sure that local areas are good and safe for everyone**

For example, we want local areas to have good buildings, parks and local services.

#### **The main things we plan to do:**

We want to make new local areas that people want to live in.

The new areas would have homes that are right for different groups of people.

For example, people who earn more or less money.

We want to make sure that people have the things they need near where they live.

Like shops, transport and health services.

That will help people to walk, go by bike or use other transport instead of cars.





We want to make sure that housing in the countryside works well for people living there.

That includes:

- Good housing that does not cost too much
- Housing that people in the community help to make decisions about



We want to support people to get on well together in the community and to be safe.

For example, we want places in the community where different groups of people can spend time together.



We want to make local areas better.

For example, by changing bad housing that cannot be fixed and getting better housing instead.



Some housing has been empty for a long time. There is no one living there.

That housing could be used for other people.

We want to make sure that more empty housing is used again.



We want local areas to be places where people can enjoy nature, plants and animals.

For example, by having parks and green spaces.



## What happens next

We will keep checking this plan to make sure it is still right for people in South Gloucestershire.

We will change the plan if we need to.