Housing Strategy website

Oxford City Council’s Housing Strategy and Action Plan has been adopted in 2012 following wide consultation.

The Housing Strategy 2012-15 identifies our local housing issues and the Housing Strategy Action Plan sets out actions to help address them.

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Oxford remains one of the least affordable areas of the country for buying housing. House prices have remained at historical highs in Oxford despite a national trend for a slowdown in the market.

Demand for housing in Oxford continues to grow, with over 6,000 households on the Housing Register for affordable housing. There are low levels of owner occupied housing and a high levels of property rented from private landlords compared to the national picture. Demand is high for private rented property and rents are increasing. A large population of students places additional pressures on housing supply.

Oxford City Council is the strategic housing authority for the City and, with over 7,500 homes, a major landlord.

Housing conditions within the council’s own homes continue to improve and new financing arrangements will allow further investment and improvements to be made. The Council uses its powers to improve the quality of both housing conditions and management in the private rented sector.

As a service provider accountable to the public, the Council has a responsibility to ensure housing services are high quality, cost effective and efficient.

More information can be found within the Housing Strategy 2012-15 and associated Action Plan or by contacting the Housing Strategy Team on strategy.consultation@oxford.gov.uk