

The Joint Housing Strategy For South Hams and West Devon; 'Better Homes, Better Lives' was adopted in 2021. This document highlights the priority's for both councils and our high level plans on how we will deliver them. The document was developed with a recognition of the need to be able to respond flexibly to changing needs across both local authority areas. Both South Hams and West Devon have experienced multiple local impacts, including on housing prices, supply and construction and availability of long term let accommodation. As a result, a Housing Crisis was declared in the South Hams in September 2021 and in West Devon in February 2022. Both Councils are determined, through partnership working, direct action and political lobbying to tackle their respective Housing Crisis' head on. Each Council has produces and committed to a series of actions, tailored specifically to the issues each area is facing. These actions are additional to and complemented by our Housing Strategy - Better Homes Better Lives and can be identified within the document through the reference codes included in this year's action plan. For full details of the actions these codes relate to for each local authority please refer to the accompanying Review Document.