# How Housing Services Models Would Work

1. Current model – Council with Arm's length management organisation (Almo)

2. Potential Model – Council with in-house services

3. Potential Model – Stock transfer to a Registered Provider









## 1. Current model – Council with Almo

Council lead

## **Operational**

### Strategic

### **Contractual**

## **Partnership**

#### Allocations Policy

- Stronger Families
- Early Intervention and prevention
- Adaptations / Disability Facilities Grant
- Homelessness Reduction Act

- Set all Strategies (including Housing strategy) and Policies
- ❖ Approve constitution for ALMO
- Set the HRA budget and develop asset management strategy / capital plan
- Holds risk requires assurance with compliance.
- Deliver Council house building programme

- Services delivered and charged to Housing Revenue Account / ALMO include:-
- ✓ IT
- ✓ Payroll
- ✓ Communications team,
- ✓ Safer Kirklees
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Grounds maintenance

- Seven partnership outcomes.
- Preventing homelessness and tackling rough sleeping
- Council leads on Housing Growth

### KNH delivery

- ❖ Tenant voice
- Match empty home with waiting list.
- Support Stronger Families cohort.
- Ensure tenancies are sustained
- Deliver adaptations
- Improvements to stock

- Support development of policies for Council approval
- Develop procedures
- Support Board to make decisions and challenge
- Deliver to Council approved HRA budget

- Manage & maintain Council housing (inc leasehold) in successful communities on the Council's behalf.
- Ensure tenant voice is heard and informs strategy / policy / operational delivery
- Maintain the Council's Corporate asset portfolio and some schools
- Deliver contribution to works better programme

- Employment support and opportunities for tenants
- Housing link to partnership structures
- Contribute to Council strategies and plans such as Preventing homelessness and tackling rough sleeping

## 2. Potential Model – Council with in-house services

## **Operational**

## Strategic

## Contractual

## **Partnership**

#### **Council lead**

- Allocations Policy
- Stronger Families
- Early Intervention and prevention
- Adaptations / Disability Facilities Grant
- Homelessness Reduction Act
- Match empty home with 'waiting list'
- Manage & maintain Council housing (inc leasehold) in successful communities
- Support Stronger Families cohort
- Ensure tenancies are sustained
- Deliver adaptations

- Sets all Strategies (including Housing strategy) and Policies
- Makes decisions through Council's established governance arrangements
- Set the HRA budget, develop asset management strategy / capital plan and deliver
- Holds risk requires assurance with compliance.
- Deliver Council house building programme
- Ensure tenant voice is heard and informs strategy / policy / operational delivery
- Maintain the Council's Corporate asset portfolio and some schools
- Deliver contribution to works better programme

## Not required

## **Council lead**

- 7 + 1 partnership outcomes
- Enabling housing growth
- Preventing homelessness and tackling rough sleeping
- Commission housing support
- Employment support and opportunities for tenants & residents
- Housing link to partnership structures

## 3. Potential Model – Stock Transfer to a Registered Provider

Council lead

#### **Operational**

#### Strategic

#### Contractual

#### **Partnership**

#### Owns housing register

- Council agrees nominations arrangements with Registered Providers
- Stronger Families
- Early Intervention and prevention
- Adaptations / Disabled Facilities Grant
- Match property to 'waiting list'

- Set Strategies and Policies e.g. Asset management strategy
- Develop procedures
- Deliver Housing growth and priorities
- Maintains / develops relationship with Registered Provider

Services offered to Housing Association subject to value for money test

- Seven +1 partnership outcomes
- Enabling housing growth
- Preventing homelessness and tackling rough sleeping
- Partnership forums e.g. homelessness forum

#### Registered Provider

- Implements allocations policy
- Develop procedures
- Support Stronger Families cohort in partnership.
- Ensure tenancies are sustained
- Deliver aids and adaptations if publicly funded

- Relationship with regulator
- Board steer strategic direction
- Risk and compliance
- Develop policies for Board approval inc allocations
- 'Duty to cooperate' e.g. safeguarding
- Develop procedures
- Support Board to make decisions and challenge

Transfer agreement in line with 'dowry' payment – estimated 5 to 10 years

- May align to Council strategies
- Housing link to partnership structures.