



## **Key Themes highlighted in survey responses**

- The majority of respondents agree with the proposed outcomes of the Local Housing Strategy.

### ***Supply and Place making***

- There is strong demand for affordable housing for sale and social rented housing.
- The main restrictions on people moving are a lack of properties and affordability of properties in areas they would like to move to.
- The majority of respondents feel that the Council and its development partners should concentrate on developing new affordable homes in areas of highest demand and regeneration areas.
- Many respondents feel that existing brownfield sites should be developed out first.
- In rural areas, there is a shortage of affordable housing for younger people.

### ***Energy Efficiency***

- A fifth of respondents find their energy costs either unaffordable or very unaffordable.
- Just over half of all respondents have no energy efficiency measures installed in their home.

### **Homelessness**

- Better support, awareness and training for staff is needed to help them support homeless people with mental health issues.
- Due to the high level of rent costs in Stirling, it is very difficult for those on welfare benefits to access accommodation in the private rented sector.

### ***Particular needs***

- Of those respondents who have someone in their household with a disability/long term health condition – 37% said that their current accommodation was not suitable for their needs.
- The majority of respondents would prefer to move to either sheltered housing or amenity housing when they become older and are no longer able to remain in their own home.

### ***Private Rented Sector***

- Many landlords feel that all of the recent tax and regulatory changes in the PRS sector have made the sector less appealing for investment, which will result in a reduction of properties to rent. Tenant responses also highlight a lack of choice in the sector with a general shortage of properties in particular areas.
- Several landlords would like to see grant funding made available to assist with funding energy efficiency improvements for their properties.
- The most common issue for tenants is getting repairs completed in a timely manner, particularly where letting agents are involved.
- Several tenants have had instances of having to move multiple times due to landlords selling the property, which has an impact on stability for families living in the sector.