### **Appendix 2 Sustainability Approach 2016-2020**

#### Our aims

## To embed sustainability at a strategic level

### To address our own impacts

## To promote and enable sustainability in the wider district

### **Our priorities**

- Ensure our policies, strategies, plans & projects address sustainability
- Engage & enable staff / elected members to incorporate sustainability into their roles
- Become more efficient in our use of energy
- Seek to use more energy from renewable & low-carbon sources
- Use other resources more efficiently
- Adopt more sustainable forms of travel
- Integrate sustainability into procurement processes and practices
- Seek to ensure our assets and services remain resilient in the face of a changing climate

- Seek to reduce fuel poverty district-wide
- Improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock and engage with our tenants on reducing fuel bills
- Ensure we meet our legal obligations as landlords relating to energy efficiency
- Engage with third parties (community groups, local businesses, educational establishments & public bodies) to achieve mutual aims on sustainability

#### **Indicators**

- Percentage of major decisions subject to a sustainability impact assessment
- Percentage of major plans & projects considering sustainability throughout the process
- Percentage of staff and elected members receiving relevant information and training
- Energy consumption (MWh/annum, MWh/employee/annum)
- Water consumption (m<sup>3</sup>/annum)
- Paper use (reams/annum)
- Carbon emissions (tCO<sub>2e</sub>/annum, tCO<sub>2e</sub>/employee/annum)
- Level of compliance with sustainable procurement requirements

- Number of households in fuel poverty
- Average SAP rating of WDC housing stock
- Number of WDC tenants receiving energy advice and assistance
- Level of compliance with landlord legal requirements
- Number of third parties engaged with

# What success looks like

#### By 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:

- A sustainability impact assessment process has been put in place for major decisions
- All of our staff and elected members have received relevant information and training and plans are in place for the ongoing identification of training needs

### By 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:

- Every major decision is subject to a sustainability impact assessment
- All major projects consider sustainability as part of the process

### By 31st March 2019:

- We have produced a sustainable travel plan
- We have produced a sustainable procurement toolkit
- We have identified and assessed the viability of additional energy & resource efficiency measures and set post-2018 targets
- We have assessed the viability of renewable & low-carbon energy schemes and set post-2018 targets
- We have updated our climate change risk assessment

### By 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020:

- Our energy consumption per employee has reduced by 10%
- Our paper use has reduced by 10%
- Our carbon footprint per employee has reduced by 5%
- Sustainable procurement requirements are fully complied with
- We will meet additional targets relating to our energy, water and paper consumption, installed capacity of renewable / low-carbon energy, and carbon footprint

### By 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:

- We have completed our housing stock condition survey and produced an investment strategy to improve our stock's energy efficiency
- We have produced a district-wide fuel poverty strategy

### Bv 31st March 2019:

- All of our tenants have been provided with advice and/or assistance (as required) relating to reducing fuel bills
- Rates of fuel poverty in the district have halved