

# Place-based strategies for housing for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability: strategy template



## Introduction

This template will help you bring together all information collected in steps 1-10 of the toolkit for place-based plans for housing for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability, to create your strategy.

To help you organise and present the content, we have provided an example of a structure for the strategy with suggestions of top-level headings and contents for the different sections of the document. The structure was created based on examples of local strategies and business cases published by local authorities that were considered examples of good practice.

This template is designed to be used flexibly and therefore the structure below should be tailored as needed. A number of published examples are given below the template.

## Strategy structure

Sections	Top level content	Toolkit step
Key advantages for investing in this locally	<p><b>Local demography and housing needs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local demographic, economic, health, social care and housing trends, and local demand</li> <li>Needs and preferences for housing.</li> <li>Profile of people, including economic and health circumstances, and needs and preferences.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 1: Understanding demand</u></p> <p><u>Step 4: Identifying preferences and needs</u></p>

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<p>Key advantages for investing in this locally</p>	<p><b>Current and future demand, provision, and opportunities for expansion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demand projections for different types of housing.</li> <li>• Current figures and future projections of housing provision for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability, priority areas, and types of housing offered</li> <li>• Unmet needs and areas of priority.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 1: Understanding demand</u></p> <p><u>Step 2: Map current provision of housing</u></p> <p><u>Step 4: Identifying preferences and needs</u></p>
	<p><b>Local market benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the local market for housing for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability with an overview of factors driving the local market, affordability, scope for innovation, and opportunities for investment</li> <li>• Benefits of investing in the locality based on opportunities offered in the local market</li> <li>• What is currently commissioned, and future commissioning priorities for housing for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 3: Understand the local market</u></p> <p><u>Step 5: Understand the commissioning landscape</u></p>
	<p><b>Local support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local strategy: vision, ambitions and strategy, benefits and support offered by the local council</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 2: Map current provision of housing</u></p> <p><u>Step 3: Understand the local market</u></p>

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<p>Opportunities for Investment</p>	<p><b>What is the local priority?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of housing available for investment.</li> <li>• Investment packages – types of housing and priority areas for development.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 1: Understanding demand</u></p> <p><u>Step 2: Map current provision of housing</u></p> <p><u>Step 3: Understand the local market</u></p> <p><u>Step 6: Drawing on best practice</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key advantages, costs and benefits, and social value of housing options prioritized investment packages.</li> <li>• Commercial options and funding opportunities.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 7: Assess costs and benefits</u></p> <p><u>Step 9: Exploring commercial options</u></p> <p><u>Step 10: Social value of investment</u></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current providers and opportunities for partnership</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 3: Understand the local market</u></p> <p><u>Step 5: Understand the commissioning landscape</u></p> <p><u>Step 9: Exploring commercial options</u></p>



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Local geography – further information on specific localities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map of the region with further detail on neighbourhoods with priority for investment</li> <li>• Character – mainly urban or rural, population density, demography and future projections</li> <li>• Demand, provision, gaps, and priorities – a summary of opportunities for investment in the locality</li> <li>• Plans for development and regeneration, vision for future development, local infrastructure, and other local benefits</li> </ul>	<p>Step 1: understanding demand</p> <p>Step 2: Map current provision of housing for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability</p> <p>Step 3: Understand the local market</p>
Relevant documents and policies	<p>Links to relevant documents and policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterplans, regional network plan, strategic delivery plan, management plan, local plan, housing needs assessments, local planning policies.</li> <li>• Joint strategic needs assessments, joint health and wellbeing strategies, local adult social care strategy, local housing strategies for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability.</li> </ul>	<p><u>All steps</u></p>
Information on specific housing design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on specific design requirements for each type of housing.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Step 6: Drawing on best practice</u></p>



## EXAMPLES OF STRATEGIES

- [South Yorkshire ICB - Housing with Support for People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism – 2022 Market Position Statement](#)
- [Cornwall Council – Supported and Specialist Housing Strategy 2023-2050](#)
- [Cheshire and Merseyside – Housing Strategy: People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism](#)
- [Telford & Wrekin Co-operative Council - Specialist and Supported Accommodation Strategy 2020 - 2025](#)

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