

Great Places Commission Report - NHF

10 recommendations:

1. The Government should develop an ambitious new national regeneration strategy backed by £10bn of additional investment over a decade. It should explicitly prioritise places and people in greatest need, and should support housing investment alongside related economic, social and physical activity.
2. The Government must provide local authorities with a sustainable future funding settlement so they can rebuild their capacity and skills, enabling them to lead and coordinate place making across every community.
3. The Government should introduce mandatory good design standards for all new development, including homes and wider place making.
4. The Government should enable improved local management of the private rented sector through a mandatory national landlord register and greater flexibility for councils to establish local licensing schemes.
5. The Government should require Local Industrial Strategies to include the role of housing, including affordable housing.
6. Housing associations should commit to cross-sector partnership in each local area. This can provide vital leadership and amplify the sector's impact in each community.
7. Anchor organisations, including housing associations, should commit to asset-based community development. This approach identifies and mobilises a community's strengths and targets resources accordingly. Its objective is to ensure that services promoting wellbeing and opportunity are delivered effectively to those who need them most.
8. Housing association boards should review their approach to property sales and transfers to ensure the best outcomes for communities. Boards should always assure an ethical approach to any disposal.
9. Housing associations should embed wider community benefit requirements in their procurement strategies. They should investigate wealth-building strategies, which seek to capture and recirculate greater levels of local investment for social purposes.
10. Housing associations should proactively engage with local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships to ensure affordable housing and inclusive growth are central to Local Industrial Strategies