

### Want to know more?

Fylde Council are operating a grant fund policy open for applications from Community-led groups to support community-led housing schemes. To find out if you are eligible and to access an application:

**Visit:** [www.fylde.gov.uk/.....](http://www.fylde.gov.uk/.....)

Alternatively you can contact:

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## Community-led Housing



*Are there empty properties which could be brought back to life?*

*Does your community need more affordable housing so local people can remain local?*

**Community-led housing could be the answer**

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## What is it?

‘Community-led Housing’ is a way for you: local people/communities to ease local housing demand by designing, developing and/or managing truly affordable housing.

No one knows your communities better than you, you live in them, work in them and collectively make your community what it is and what it stands for.

It can:-

- ◆ Be delivered in both rural and urban areas – it isn’t a one size fits all concept.
- ◆ Be the development of new build properties, re-use of existing buildings and bringing empty homes back into use.
- ◆ Be delivered by independent community groups, existing community organisations, Registered providers, landowners, Developers and local Authority



## How can I be involved?

We are looking to raise awareness of community-led housing across the Borough and want to identify any areas for a community-led housing scheme.

Fylde council are looking for local community groups/ stakeholders that identify that their local communities require a shake up to their housing market and are interested in community-led housing.

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There are three main ways in which community-led groups become involved in the process

**Group-led:** Community-led groups formed in response to local housing need, or to deliver their own homes. These could emerge from existing networks such as Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Plan Groups and Parish Councils.

**Extension of community based activity:** Existing community-based organisations with local roots decide to provide housing in addition to their current activities.

**Developer-led partnership:** A Local Authority, Landowner, Registered Provider or local developer wanting to provide housing that incorporates a community-led element.