

Cloch Housing Association

Project Funding

2020

- Cloch Housing Association have received Housing Association Grant (HAG) income in recent years for acquisition of properties and is currently being used on a new build project in Kings Glen. The project is well under way with 57 properties in the development, comprising of a mix of houses and flats, with the first properties due to come onsite in February 2021.

- Due to changes in the legislation relating to fire and smoke alarms all homes will be covered by the new standard, as we believe that all homes should be safe for occupants regardless of tenure. It will be the property owner's responsibility to meet the new standard The standard requires:
 - One smoke alarm installed in the room most frequently used for general daytime living purposes
 - One smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
 - One heat alarm installed in every kitchen
 - All alarms should be ceiling mounted and interlinked. There is also a requirement for carbon monoxide detectors to be fitted where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance (such as boilers, fires (including open fires), heaters and stoves) or a flu.
 - Cloch Housing Association has secured loan funding from the Scottish Government to pay for this investment, due to be repaid in 5 years.

- Our application to Homelessness Prevention Fund was successful and as a result funding in the region of £120k will be provided to support our Tenancy Support Project, which is led by Cloch and shared with Oak Tree HA and Larkfield HA.

- Our Energy Activator project, funded by the Climate Challenge Fund, to provide advice and energy audits to our tenants, helping with energy information and reducing carbon emissions, ended in April 2020. We have recently secured funding for a new Energy Advice Project, this is a shared project with Larkfield HA and Oak Tree HA and will help Inverclyde residents during this difficult time.

- More details around Cloch Housing Association community based work can be found in the 2019/20 Annual Report, published on the website:
 - <https://www.clochhousing.org.uk/documents/>