

## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor James Evans, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance, Housing and Public Protection

**SUBJECT:** Question from County Councillor Peter Lewis

**Can the Portfolio Holder update the council on the delivery of the 250 new homes for the County?**

### **Response**

The Housing Service has established an Affordable Housing Team to lead on the development of the 250 homes.

The team have been working with Planning and Highways services to consider the viability of approximately 80 sites in council ownership. This work is now complete and the Housing Service will be developing a long term development strategy, based on approximately 60 sites. The team have also been holding engagement events in communities across the county, to identify and confirm housing need.

Progress on the first six sites is detailed below. These sites will deliver approximately 170 of the 250 homes.

**Bowling Green, Newtown** – planning application was agreed at the Planning Committee on Thursday 13th September. Tender brief to be finalised and tender process to commence in October with a target start on site date of March 2019. The scheme has past the first assessment for Welsh Government Innovative Housing Programme grant.

**Sarn** – Architect (Hughes Architects) appointed and designs are currently being drawn up for a development which achieves Passivhaus standard. This project will provide a total of 7 units and 3 being made available for elderly tenant farmers that have lived in the area for many years and are looking to retire.

**Cradoc Close, Brecon** - Architect (Pentan) appointed and designs are currently being drawn up, this scheme will be the largest project providing up to 36 new homes. Anticipated start on site summer of 2019.

**Clyro** – the Housing Service are currently considering the type of build for this site. Anticipated start on site autumn 2019.

**Former Smithfield site, Llanidloes** – the site has been transferred into the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). The ecology officer is currently completing her site visits

and we will receive the final report shortly. The design brief is currently being drawn up and it is expected to go out to tender early 2019.

**Red Dragon/Youth Centre, Newtown** – The Red Dragon and the former youth centre will be demolished in October. The design brief is currently being drawn up and finalised and this will be going out to tender early 2019.