## CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Roger Williams

How many social housing units have the County Council completed since the May 2017 Council elections?

## Response

Since the 2017 May Elections the council has purchased 25 ex-right to buy/other properties that have been added to our housing stock. As stated within Vision 2025 there is a target of developing 250 new affordable homes by the end of 2023. The Housing Service are also developing a longer term programme and are currently in the process of securing land which will enable development beyond 2023.

The Housing Service has been assessing land potential around the county and engaging with communities to identify need, this work is ongoing. They are also developing policies and procedures, which will enable the provision of alternative Low Cost Homeownership products, such as shared equity.

The Council is working with its strategic partners, in particular Housing Associations, via the Strategic Housing Partnership to identify and develop complementary schemes across Powys. The Housing Strategy is due to be reviewed over the next 12 months and will be subject to consultation, providing an opportunity to comment on the longer term plans of the service.