

Sub-Regional Housing Update

Sustainable Community Strategy

“We want to make North Yorkshire a place where people can live, work and go about their business. Housing and services are a key part of the rich mix required to ensure sustainable communities”

3 Strategic Aims:

- *increase the amount of affordable housing available to local people*
- *provide older people and vulnerable groups with supported affordable accommodation*
- *work to prevent homelessness*

HOW IS THE NY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP RESPONDING TO THESE AIMS ?

Current Position - Overview

- Strong partnership developing via North Yorkshire Strategic Housing Board
 - Elected Members now in the driving seat
 - Clear Governance structure
 - Political mandate
 - Jointly funded NY Strategic Housing Manager post

Current Position - Overview

- Successful sub regional housing bid
 - £63 million investment over 3 year period
 - Closely monitored by Regional Housing Board
 - Strategic spending decisions made by NY Strategic Housing Board

Current Position - Overview

- Focusing on delivery
 - 5 themed enhanced joint working action plans
 - LAA affordable homes stretch target (2220)
 - New sub regional Rural Housing Enabler programme

Moving Forward – INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING....

- 429 new affordable homes delivered during 07/08, 117 without public subsidy
- 39 new affordable homes delivered during first quarter of 08/09
- New Sub Regional RHE Programme
 - flexible sub regional resource
 - closely linked to governance structure
 - more focus on delivery / outcomes
 - 3 year funding package = medium term stability
 - Joint funding via LA's , RSL's and RHB
 - Single employer model adopted
- New sub regional planning negotiation tool launched
- New sub regional financial appraisal service launched

Moving Forward – PROVIDING OLDER PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE GROUPS WITH SUPPORTED HOUSING

- 9000 vulnerable residents supported by the SP programme
- 184 Supporting People contracts currently operating
- £15million budget per year
- 24 new services recently commissioned as part of Commissioning Plan = 428 new units of support

Moving Forward – PROVIDING OLDER PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE GROUPS WITH SUPPORTED HOUSING

- New services aimed at:-
 - single vulnerable and young people at risk
 - people with mental health problems
 - travellers
 - offenders and people at risk of offending
 - victims of domestic abuse
- 93 extra care units delivered since 1st April 2007
- 150 extra care units in the pipeline

Moving Forward – Preventing Homelessness

- All LA's met their 07/08 homeless prevention targets
- New single Homeless Strategy for North Yorkshire up and running
 - big step forward
 - less duplication
 - more sharing of best practice
 - more co-ordinated approach
 - local action plans

Moving Forward – Issues to Address

- Struggling to spend all our money!
- Slow down in housing market means squeezing less out of planning system
- Need to monitor better – additional resource being considered
- Key issue is lack of available land
- Supporting People funding – heading for £2 million deficit by 31 March 2011 = need to balance books = difficult decisions ahead