

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: February 2009

Thematic Partnership			
Housing Partnership			
Main Aims of the Partnership			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that new housing meets the housing, social care, health and economic needs of the community. • To specifically consider the housing and support needs of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Homeless households ○ Young People under the age of 25 ○ People with a Learning Disability ○ People with Mental Health problems ○ People with a drug or alcohol problem ○ Ex Offenders ○ Older People including those with a mental health problem • To implement the local delivery of the priority outcomes for housing in the Hampshire Local Area Agreement (LAA). 			
Emerging Priorities			
How can you make a difference?	1	Review the housing and support needs of older people.	
	2	Review the housing and support needs of young people – in particular 16 and 17 year old homeless youngsters.	
	3	To introduce a new approach to affordable home ownership in the borough.	
Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes			
LAA Priority:	4	Improve access to housing accommodation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase supply of land for housing to meet Hampshire's requirements. • Better use of older people's housing stock. • Accommodation needs of vulnerable adults and young people are better met. • Well maintained and safer private sector dwellings with good levels of thermal efficiency. 	
Progress since December 2007			
<p>The attendance at the last meeting of the group on 22nd January 2009 was affected by the snow. There was an update on the Homecheck scheme which will be re-launched alongside the Handyperson scheme in partnership with In Touch from April 2009. There was a short update on the Housing Strategy and the need for all agencies to sign up to the key actions that are identified. The main discussion point was the changes to the Supporting People programme which is proposing a stronger locality focus and budgets will be able to be decided on a local basis following the three strategic reviews (Homelessness; Disabilities and Older People). The current position with regards the Sheltered Housing Review was discussed and the financial options available to the Council may change as a result of recent Government announcements that Councils may be able to build again in the future. There was also a discussion on Domestic Violence issues in the Borough and whether some further work needs to be carried out to better understand the position in the area. Finally there was a discussion on the need for some additional software for the Supported Housing Panel which could be funded from any LPSA2 reward monies which are expected during 2009/10.</p>			
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Meetings Held and Arranged			
Date:	5 th June 2007	Date:	7 th Feb 2008
Date:	1 st November 2007	Date:	2 nd May 2008
Date:	15 th August 2008	Date:	14 th November 2008
Dates of next meetings: 5 th May 2009; 6 th August 2009			