

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: May 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 March 2009		
<p>Meeting on 5 May focussed on Private Sector initiatives highlighted in a briefing paper from the Housing Strategy Manager:</p> <p>Adaptations Service - Increased government funding means number of Disabled Facilities Grant aided work has almost doubled in last 5 years.</p> <p>Homecheck/Handy Person Scheme - two previous schemes have been merged and all services now delivered by 'in-touch' (the Home Improvement Agency).</p> <p>Empty Property - number of empty properties is increasing, options and process to get these properties back into use is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Energy Efficiency - range of products available to improve efficiency of private sector homes</p> <p>Looking to promote and raise awareness of all these issues in an 'Ideas' Home and currently discussing with PHA use of an empty property.</p> <p>Other items:</p> <p>Currently consulting with customers who've experienced domestic abuse to inform a review of the option available to this vulnerable group.</p>		

Supporting People conducting a county wide review of the operation of Supported Housing panel, especially around administrative issues.

Need to develop clear criteria around Intermediate Rent as this could be a growing housing option for Fareham residents affected by financial borrowing limits.

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Meetings Held and Arranged

Date:	1 st November 2007	Date:	7 th Feb 2008
Date:	2 nd May 2008	Date:	15 th August 2008
Date:	14 th November 2008	Date:	5 th May 2009

Dates of next meeting: 6th August 2009