



Report of the Chief Housing Services Officer

South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 20th February 2007

Subject: A Plan for Delivering Affordable Housing in Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

All

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

X

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

The attached report was submitted to the Executive Board on the 15th November 2006. It sets out the background to the establishment of the Affordable Housing Task Force, and the subsequent production of the Affordable Housing Delivery Plan, 'Making the Housing Ladder Work'. It also forms a response to the "Right to Rent" delegation to the Council in September.

The report also sets out the housing market conditions in Leeds at the moment and the issues of affordability and the economic implications of not providing sufficient affordable housing.

The concept of a 'Housing Ladder' is explained and how there are rungs of the ladder, which are missing in certain areas. The consequences of not having the right mix of housing to meet different needs, requirements and aspirations are also considered.

It describes where existing policy and procedures can be improved and puts forwards a number of proposals in order to increase the supply of affordable housing.

The purpose of the presentation to the South (Inner) Area Committee is to describe the overall picture across the city in terms of housing markets, the issues of increasing affordable housing across the city and to seek from a local perspective issues that need to be taken into account.

Recommendations

The Area Committee is requested to note the report and provide comment on any local issues from their perspective.