



Report of West North West Area Manager

Meeting: Inner North West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 18th December 2008

Subject: Housing Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix

Electoral Wards Affected:

Headingley

Hyde Park and Woodhouse

Kirkstall

Weetwood

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Area Committee with a draft Housing Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix. The draft strategy has been developed at the request of the Housing Strategy Sub-Group of the Inner North West Area Committee.

The draft strategy is appended (appendix A) and forms the basis of this report.

Members of the Area Committee are asked to consider the issues raised and endorse the recommendations and way forward outlined in this report.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Area Committee a draft Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix.

Main Issues

2. This strategy identifies a programme of interventions proposed to work towards “normalising” housing provision in Inner North West Leeds and help alter the balance between shared private rented and residential housing for long-term residents. In addition the strategy aims to generally improve accessibility to housing.

Background

3. The purpose of this strategy is to establish a strategic approach to addressing the housing market and demographic changes that have affected the communities comprising the Area of Housing Mix in order to restore a more balanced housing market and population mix.
4. This strategy supports the Leeds Housing Strategy 2005-2010 that identifies as its key aim the creation and maintenance of balanced and sustainable communities. The Leeds Housing Partnership is responsible for developing, implementing and reviewing the Leeds Housing Strategy and for ensuring the full contribution of housing partners to the achievement of the outcomes and targets set out in the strategy.
5. At a local level, District Housing Partnerships ensure the delivery of the Leeds Housing Strategy. Currently however, a District Housing Partnership does not exist in West North West Leeds. It is proposed therefore that the mechanisms for the implementation and delivery of this strategy are considered by Leeds City Council’s Head of Housing Strategy and Commissioning and the Leeds Housing Partnership.
6. It is proposed that an update clarifying this, and the responsibilities of the Area Committee in relation to the strategy, is presented to the February 09 meeting of the Inner North West Area Committee.

Recommendations

7. Members of the Area Committee are asked to:
 - Comment on and agree the draft Housing Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix
 - Consider the issues raised in relation to the implementation, delivery and monitoring of the strategy and endorse the recommendations and way forward as outlined in paragraphs 5 -6 above.

Background Papers

Housing Strategy for the Area of Housing Mix
Leeds Housing Strategy 2005-2010