

2012/13 Directorate Scorecard

Reporting Period :

Quarter 1 2012-13

Directorate Priorities	Progress Summary	Overall Progress	Supporting Measures	Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Executive Portfolio
Deliver the Housing and Regeneration Board City Priority Plan	The fourth meeting of the H&R Board took place on 12th June 2012. Items discussed included; empty properties, derelict & nuisance sites, use of legislation to ensure private rented sector properties are properly maintained and how the Homes & Community Agency (HCA) investment and assets are aligned with LCC priorities. The sub-structure for the H&R Board has seen an East Leeds Board established (having a strategic overview of, and advisory role in the regeneration of the area) and continuation of the Housing Forum. The Board at its June meeting also agreed to a review of the current Partnership Plan, following the first year of operation, to focus on the Board's agreed priorities ensuring that performance indicators, actions and targets are clearly defined, remain meaningful and reflect a partnership approach. A revised plan is to be taken to the next Board meeting on 9th October 2012.	↔		None applicable					
Identify targets for new housing and strategies to support their delivery	This work is ongoing, linked with the H&R Board Partnership Plan review detailed above. As part of the review it is intended to reach agreement on either a method for identifying an annual adjusted housing target or a set figure applicable to each year of the plan. The Housing Investment Team are continuing to work on wider strategies linked to housing growth in the city, including use of commuted sums, Right to Buy receipts and New Homes Bonus. Proactive work is underway with Planning to drive housing growth using the Core Strategy and Interim Affordable Housing Policy.	↔	Increase number of new affordable homes built	500 (TBC)	114				Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services
Improve energy efficiency in public and private sector homes	Wrap Up Leeds (programme to provide free insulation) is continuing to deliver over 1,000 installations per month. However, this programme is finishing in October 2012 due to changes in Government incentives. We are currently working closely with Government and industry to take advantage of new incentives, once Wrap Up Leeds ends. There are some additional ongoing initiatives that will help to contribute to this target which	Amber	Increase number of improved energy efficiency installations in houses (both public and privately owned)	15,000	3,892 insulation measures Wrap Up Leeds				Environment

Other Performance Issues

Homelessness	An increase in the demand for services in this area is being seen in Leeds which reflects the pattern nationally. Councils have a legal duty to activate a homeless assessment where a person approaches for assistance because they are homeless or threatened with homelessness. The purpose of the assessment is to determine whether any form of housing duty is owed. The number of homeless assessments has risen significantly both in Leeds (by 38% over the last 3 years) and nationally (by 18% over the last 3 years). However, the well developed prevention services locally means that at the current time the service is continuing to deal with these increased numbers of presentations without this translating into increased homeless acceptances – unlike the picture nationally. However, there is a risk that homeless acceptances may increase as the on-going welfare reform changes start to make an impact and the economic climate continues to stagnate.
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