

Appendix 2

Housing and Regeneration Board

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Housing and Regeneration Board will agree the strategic direction for programmes and the priority projects delivering the regeneration strategy for the city. All regeneration programmes will receive direction from and report to the Housing and Regeneration Board.

The purpose of the Housing and Regeneration Board is to provide strong and effective leadership and to support effective partnership work on the issues of regeneration, housing growth, affordable and social housing, and take action to deliver the aspirations of the Vision for Leeds. In particular, its key objectives are to join up activities between partners to maximise outcomes, and to create a culture where partnership work in the interests of local people is built into the way all agencies, sectors and organisations act.

Strategic leadership

The board will lead the long-term strategy for the city in housing and regeneration, housing growth, affordable and social housing and co-ordinate the partnership actions to achieve the priorities in the city priority plan.

Accountability

The Leeds Initiative is not a separate legal entity. Each partner within the Leeds Initiative retains its own functions and responsibilities. This Housing and Regeneration Board is accountable to the Leeds Initiative Board, which will provide strategic direction. It provides a focus for the agreement of shared action and constructive challenge to make sure that the partnership work improves outcomes. To meet this objective, this board will performance manage the delivery of the city priority plan.

Roles

The chair will be the Executive Member for Neighbourhood and Housing, Leeds City Council. Executive accountability will be with the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing, Leeds City Council. Servicing will be the responsibility of the Environment & Neighbourhoods Directorate and Leeds Initiative office.

Responsibilities

The Housing and Regeneration Board will:

- lead the delivery of these themes in the Vision for Leeds and the city priority plan;
- develop, deliver and report on an action plan to deliver the objectives in the city priority plan;
- take a proactive approach to facilitate and reach agreement on managing housing growth for the city, attracting investment and promoting housing growth and housing management;

- reach agreement on the strategy and policy for regeneration in Leeds and direct and monitor performance of regeneration programmes across the city;
- act as an advocate for the contribution these issues make to public policy and partnership working in the city and support the culture and practice of partnership working;
- develop and sponsor new activities, which support the aspirations of the Vision for Leeds in these areas; tackle underperformance against the priorities and targets;
- identify opportunities for greater efficiency, effectiveness and economy of delivery through a common approach and innovative solutions to areas of policy, planning, performance management, consultation, reporting and communication, resource allocation and delivery of services in the city and take action as appropriate;
- evaluate the impact of interventions, capture learning and disseminate good practice across partners in the Leeds Initiative; and
- influence local, regional and national government policy initiatives linked to these themes.

Linkages

This group is one of five strategic partnership boards reporting to Leeds Initiative Board. Together these bodies are responsible for the entire Vision for Leeds and the city priority plan. It has links to a wider network of partnerships, some of which it will commission to deliver areas of its agenda, and it will link with the agendas of other partnership boards, specifically: area-based regeneration programmes (east, west, south); and the Housing Forum;

It will also closely link with the locality work, which will be led directly by the Leeds Initiative Board. Others are wider networks or groups whose interests it will reflect, for example:

- Construction Leeds
- Property Forum
- Quality Spaces and Places Group

Equality and Community Engagement

The board will have due regard to equality in all its activities, and will take steps to demonstrate it has consulted with communities appropriately in all its decisions.

Membership

1. Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Planning & Support Services (Chair)
2. Executive Member for Economy & Development
3. Opposition party – Conservative
4. Opposition party – Liberal Democrat
5. Director of Environment & Neighbourhoods
6. Director of City Development
7. Chief Executive representation, Leeds ALMOs
8. Area based Regeneration & Housing Board – East Leeds
9. Area based Regeneration & Housing Board – South Leeds
10. Area based Regeneration & Housing Board – Housing Forum

11. Homes and Communities Agency
12. Registered Social Housing Provider
13. Private sector landlords' representative
14. Leeds Chamber of Commerce - house builders representative
15. Financial sector representative
16. Private sector developer representation
17. Third sector representation

This board will have a co-chair, not yet specified. The membership of this group includes partners in Leeds, which contribute to the achievement of the vision and objectives for this theme in the city priority plan.

Officers in attendance

Officers from Leeds City Council, Leeds Initiative and other partners will be invited to attend the Board at the discretion of the chair. Their role will include advising the group, preparing agendas, minutes, reports and briefings for the board, and following up actions arising from discussions and decisions made by the Board.

Openness

Meetings are not open to the public but papers, agendas and minutes will be published on the Leeds Initiative website promptly. A forward plan of meetings will be published on the Leeds Initiative website.