

Report to: Local Government North Yorkshire & York

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North Yorkshire Housing Story – Executive Summary

Vision & Strategic Approach

- Maintaining clear link between housing policy development and the NYSP Sustainable Strategy.
- Single Housing Strategy for NY at advanced draft stage – anticipated launch in summer.
- Single Housing Strategy developed following comprehensive sub regional consultation exercise.
- Single Homeless Strategy for NY already in place.
- NY Supporting People Strategy already in place.
- Good links with regional national agencies e.g. Homes & Communities Agency and Government Office.
- Local (NY) Investment Plan – translating our strategic housing priorities into investment “asks” – currently being developed. Anticipated sign off with HCA in January 2011.
- Good examples of sub regional research but still some holes in our intelligence.

Capacity to Deliver

- LGNY & York Housing Board well established – elected members in the driving seat , making strategic housing decisions supported by:-
 - NY Chief Housing Officers Group
 - NY Housing Forum
 - Rural Housing Enabler Network
 - NY Homeless Forum
 - NY Private Sector Housing Group
- Good governance arrangements in place.
- Sub regional staffing resource established.
- Working together to share resources and ease capacity issues e.g.:-
 - choice based lettings
 - second homes fund
 - financial viability service

Improving Housing Outcomes

- 51% of our LAA target has been met in difficult market conditions (1088 new units so far).
- Unlikely to meet our LAA affordable homes target by 31/3/2011.
- 724 extra care housing units delivered or currently under construction.
- Very successful homeless prevention services.
- Second homes funding boosting affordable housing delivery – 69 additional units of accommodation approved so far.
- 1686 private sector homes improved so far.

What Happens Next?

- Launch Single Housing Strategy.
- Sign up to Local Investment Plan.
- Continue to deliver new affordable homes and improve existing housing stock.
- Keep working together!

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