

Present.	Apologies
Cllr Tony Jackson – Theme Lead Anne Freimanis – Theme Lead Rob Rees – CMS, HCC Fiona Protheroe - SPU, HCC David Scholes – Chair of Herts planning officer group Richard Protheroe – Chair of Herts Heads of housing Ethel Bangwayo - CVS Duncan Jones – Street Scene Partnership Steve Henning – Chair of Chief Executives of RSLs group Clive.Matthews- Herts Constabulary	Neil Mckillen – Go-east Jenny Volp – Go-east Steve Harvey – Groundwork Jon Tiley – FP, HCC

1) Update on Streetcare group.

Duncan Jones updated the group of the work of the Street scene partnership. The work of the partnership focuses on more than street cleanliness – for example there has been joint commissioning with the Highways Agency around enforcement in respect to graffiti and fly tipping. There has also been strong links with police around fly tipping.

There was a discussion on designing in sustainable waste management into new developments, and how guidance created by street scene group is shared with RSLs, and the role of this group in strengthening links and sharing of information.

ACTION Duncan Jones to circulate the construction guidance relevant to providing waste collection services for flats. Steve Henning to take to RSLs with the aim to get the guidance integrated into criteria guide of RSLs.

ACTION Duncan Jones to bring a report on performance to the next meeting.

The group discussed how the guidance can be promoted as minimum standard and integrated into supplementary planning documents. The police supported the idea of developing Building futures into a set of standards, as they are promoting designing out crime as a standard for all developers and not just social housing. It was suggested the next meeting look at the role of Building Futures and how the BPL influences the building futures evolving agenda and work programme – especially in relation to developing standards.

2) Work programme and equalities - Herts Forward scorecard.

The group reviewed suggested performance indicators (PIs) for BPL partnership on the Herts Forward scorecard (the scorecard will be reported to Herts Forward core group quarterly). A number of indicators need a designated lead for data collection and commentary. The suggested leads for data collection and commentary is annexed to these minutes.

The Performance Indicators are to be worked into actions plans to show how we are progressing towards fulfilment of actions in the Herts Forward Sustainable Community Strategy, and work programme of this group.

ACTION Leads to develop action plans, and ensure that action plans include details on how the most vulnerable are consulted, considered and supported. A template for action plans and equalities impact assessment and vulnerable groups was shared with the group to help aid this process. **The deadline for completion of action plans is before the next Herts Forward core group meeting – 30th Sept.**

Lead and designated actions from Herts Forward Sustainable Community Strategy are below.

Richard Protheroe – Herts Heads of Housing group and Steve Henning – Chief Executives of RSLs group

1. Produce a joint strategic housing needs assessment for Hertfordshire
2. Ensure innovative approaches to mixed tenures and supporting the entry of new households into the housing market are pursued
3. Increase the number of affordable homes delivered

David Scholes – Herts Planning Officer Group and Jonathan Tiley HCC

4. Increase the number of net additional homes provided per year
5. Ensure the principles of maintaining the character and individuality of our communities and avoiding coalescence is reflected in regional and local planning policies
6. Ensure that new neighbourhoods and town centres have a clear sense of place in which safe and sustainable lifestyles are 'designed in' and crime and anti-social behaviour is 'designed out'

Rob Rees CMS HCC

7. Develop a strategy for the future management of our countryside, in the context of additional development in Hertfordshire

Duncan Jones

8. Improve street and environmental cleanliness

3) Update from Hertfordshire Forward Core Group and Interim Delivery Group

Anne and Tony updated members on Herts Forward core group meeting. Items included – Scorecard, Prg funding, and CAA self assessment.

CAA self assessment Following the submission of the Hertfordshire self-assessment to the Audit Commission, the inspectorate will be compiling their responses and seeking to follow-up a number of issues. It is proposed that there are a series of 'roundtable' discussions between the countywide partnerships and the inspectors. In the next couple of weeks we should receive some direction from the Audit Commission about their exact lines of enquiry. BPL needs to an hour arranged especially for a meeting.

ACTION Meeting arranged - July 10th 11.30 East Herts

Prg funding As part of PRG reward grant, BPL has funding for a part time post to support the partnership. The job description was circulated, and members encouraged to suggest suitable people.

Other prg funding will be going to support two objectives – a) families in poverty – details still to be worked out. Steve Henning noted that there was considerable overlap with the work that housing officers are involved in, and requested that kept updated on progress. b) supporting the through recession to recovery project which includes creating a Local Shopping Centres Improvement Fund and supporting Shop local campaign to Improved vibrancy and vitality of neighbourhood shopping parades through Hertfordshire Works (the new Hertfordshire economic development partnership) – Vibrant Towns Group.

4) Update from Herts Forward Strategic Intervention vehicle working group

Anne Freimanis is taking forward the land banks idea though the Herts Pathfinder – looking to create simple model learning from community land trusts elsewhere. The Strategic Intervention vehicle is part of Pathfinder work programme. There are links with work of housing associations and Steve Henning requested a meeting with Anne to discuss possibilities for overlap.

5) BPL conference in Autumn

The plan is to have a workshop split into two parts – the first part reporting back on progress to all stakeholders and then reviewing another issue in more detail. The theme leads are open to ideas from the steering group about the theme of the meetings, and suggestions should be sent to Fiona Protheroe.

6) AOB

Reminder that the LCB housing conference will be on **12th June**. LCB will discuss the future strategy for the partnership against the background of a shifting regional landscape. Changes to regional governance, the emergence of the Homes and Communities Agency and the 'Single Conversation', the need to deliver on Local Area Agreements and CAA at a county level all contribute to the challenges facing the Local Authorities, Housing Associations and their partners in the sub-region. As well as considering these issues the conference, will also look at the impact of the economic down turn on the delivery of affordable housing as well as addressing the Government's challenge to reduce carbon emissions in buildings by 80% by 2050. For a booking form and more details, please contact the LCB Co-ordinator, Martin Ling at martin.ling@harlow.go.uk or on 07970 980259

The group notes yesterday's court ruling on the challenge to East of England plan yesterday. The High Court ruled mostly in favour of Hertfordshire County Council and the District Council of St Albans. The judge ruled that the government must reconsider policies in the plan that earmark Hemel Hempstead, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield for thousands of new homes. "Inadequate consideration was given to the environmental effects of expansion," he said. He added that the decision had been taken to "erode the Green Belt without alternatives being considered".

However, he rejected a challenge to the allocation of 10,000 new homes on greenfield sites in north Harlow, ruling that the impact on the environment of this proposal had been adequately considered.

DCLG are currently considering whether to appeal. There are likely to be implications for work of this group, and developments will be monitored, and discussed at future meetings and also in groups – housing, planning and environmental.

7) Next Meeting Dates

01/10/09 11.00am Room 27 East Herts Hertford

10/12/09 2.00pm Room 27 East Herts Hertford

Scorecard

The scorecard will be going to the core group every quarter. We have been asked to provide data and commentary for indicators that fall within our themes remit.

The timings for reporting to the next core group are -
core group meeting on 30th sept.
data by 12th August.
comments by 20th August.
overall theme comments by 9th Sept.

154	Net additional homes provided	Jon Tiley	Jon Tiley
155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	Richard Protheroe	Richard Protheroe
156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation	Richard Protheroe	Richard Protheroe
5	Overall / general satisfaction with local area	Alison Adams (via Place Survey)	Anne Freimanis
138	Satisfaction of people over 65 with both home and neighbourhood	Tim Anfilgoff	Anne Freimanis
158	% non-decent council homes	Richard Protheroe	Richard Protheroe
159	Supply of ready to develop housing sites	Lorraine Hollands	John Tiley
160	Local authority tenants' satisfaction with landlord services	Steve Henning	Steve Henning
170	Previously developed land that has been vacant or derelict for more than 5 years	Jon Tiley to confirm	Jon Tiley to confirm
N1 197	improved local biodiversity	Rob Rees	Rob Rees
NI 195 a	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)	Duncan Jones	Duncan Jones