

WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2008-11 DELIVERY PLAN

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SUMMARY

Theme	Priority	Theme Group	Management Group Lead	Partners	Cross-Cutting Theme
Stronger Communities	To provide decent and affordable housing which meets the diverse needs of Worcestershire	Chief Housing Officers Group	Kevin Dicks, Bromsgrove District Council	District Councils, Worcestershire County Council	Promoting community cohesion

Indicator	Description	Purpose	Indicator Lead
NI154	Net additional homes provided	This indicator measures the net increase in dwelling stock over one year with the rationale to encourage a greater supply of new homes in England to address the long-term housing affordability issue.	Andy Coel, Bromsgrove District Council.

Baseline	2008/09 Target	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target	Target
1910	1830	1830	1830	Designated

CONSIDERATIONS

Is this priority dependant on any other LAA priorities?	LAA Priority	Theme Group	Arrangement for managing dependency
	NI 155	Chief Housing Officers Group	CHOG working with DC Planning teams. NI 154 relates to the total house completions, NI 155 is a proportion of this total.

Have equality and diversity considerations been made?	The majority of housing will be produced through the open market by private housing developers. The affordable housing element of this will have taken account of local and any specific housing needs. This will include a consideration of BME and Gypsy and Traveller accommodation.
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What are the significant risks associated with this priority?	Risk	Current Impact	Current Likelihood	How managed
		The current recession and housing market difficulties	High	High
Regional Spatial Strategy housing growth outcome for Worcestershire following EIP		Local Authorities continuing to support Planning Applications to new housing schemes and considering variations to S106		
Infrastructure requirements to develop the increased growth required.		Ongoing support for Housing Association developments		
		Representation at RSS Examination In Public		

	Policy, plan or strategy	Responsible Theme Group or organisation	Arrangement for managing dependency
Is this priority delivered through or dependant on any other policy, plan or strategy?	Local Authority Local Plans/Core Strategies	Individual Local Authorities	Management of the Development Control function by individual Local Authorities

What arrangements are in place for managing performance of this priority?	The Lead officer from CHOG reports to the Worcestershire Management Partnership Board. The Theme Group management arrangements are currently under review to extend the range of membership.
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ACTIVITY PLAN

Action	Who	Milestones / Success Measure	When	Resource Implications	Commentary
Development of Local Development Frameworks, Core Strategies and associated documents.	District Councils	Adoption of Policies & LDF documents	Various dates	N/A	New Policies can be designed to maximise the percentage of affordable housing achieved through s.106 planning gain developments and identifying housing sites – open market; mixed and affordable
Implementation of activities relating to NI155	District Councils Housing Associations	Meeting NI155	Ongoing	Capital funding via the Homes & Communities Agency	Affordable housing is a significant proportion of housing delivery and Local Authorities and their partners' actions will assist in contributing to the overall NI154 target
HCA – Kickstart fund	Homes & Communities Agency	Meeting NI155	Ongoing	Capital funding via the Homes & Communities Agency	HCA have provided funding to kickstart developments that had stopped due to current economic situation.
South Housing Market Area Partnership	District Councils, Housing Associations Homes & Communities Agency	Meeting NI154	Ongoing	Capital funding via the Homes & Communities Agency	The South Housing Market Area are actively monitoring and promoting affordable housing provision throughout the sub region compiling a regularly updated delivery plan identifying any potential issues with delivery.