

**West of England Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Committee
4 September 2009**

**WORK OF THE PLANNING, HOUSING & COMMUNITIES BOARD:
PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR, CLLR. MATTHEW RIDDLE**

Purpose of the report

1. For the newly-elected Chair to introduce the work of the Board, in particular its objectives and work programme for 2009/10, to enable scrutiny of the Board through questions, views and proposals.

The Board's 2009/10 Work Programme

2. The Board's Work Programme is as follows.

Spatial Planning; Infrastructure Investment; Affordable and Supported Housing

- i. Ensure the completion by consultants of an assessment of strategic sub-regional infrastructure needs to deliver key housing and employment development locations, and a potential delivery plan to inform Local Development Frameworks, Core Strategies and the preparation of the Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan through the Single Conversation
- ii. Negotiate an Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan for housing and employment infrastructure, and affordable and supported housing, through the Single Conversation with the HCA, RDA and other agencies, jointly maximising the availability of resources through their own and other sources.
- iii. Ensure the completion of an internal sub-regional study of the core and business infrastructure needs of key employment sites, to assist prioritisation of investment and marketing and to inform local authority Local Development Frameworks and Core Strategies.
- iv. Ensure sub-regional Housing Land Availability Assessments are completed to support the planning and delivery of housing.
- v. Negotiate and implement the MAA 'asks' of government, namely:
 - CLG endorsement of the approach to the preparation of the Integrated Delivery & Investment Plan through the Single Conversation, among other things to provide confidence to developers and discourage inappropriate development
 - CLG endorse the adoption of a joint sub-regional development trajectory in the plan based on 5 year tranches as part of a joint Supplementary Planning Document

- CLG confirm that targets NI154 and NI155 will be re-negotiated to reflect the evidence of the impact of the Recession
 - CLG/HCA acknowledge that the West of England are promoting the award of Housing Planning Delivery Grant based on scale of growth being planned and progress against Development Plan Document milestones.
- vi. Develop proposals for the location, sequencing and phasing of housing and employment development.
 - vii. Conclude and publish the West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment to inform Local Development Frameworks and Housing Strategies.
 - viii. Approve a sub-regional strategy for investment in affordable and supported housing and for the long term future of Homes West.
 - ix. Conclude the final allocation of the Growth Point finance to projects in the sub-region.
 - x. Progress the statutory Joint Waste Core Strategy to submission stage to identify potential sites for waste disposal facilities for municipal, industrial and commercial waste.

Recommendation

That the Committee scrutinises the work of the Board through the Chair's presentation and the report of its 2009/10 Work Programme.

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