## <u>AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY – DELIVERY PLAN FOR NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING</u>

One Leicester Strategic Themes: Improving Health and Wellbeing, Planning for People not Cars, Creating Thriving Communities, Reducing our Carbon Footprint

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		Outcome/2013 Top Ten target		Plan Lead	
1. Shortfall of affordable housing to	To address the housing needs of the city;	More affordable housing.	Working with partners to make best use of negotiation skills & planning powers:     by ensuring that the Local Development	Diana Chapman	The pre-submission Core Strategy
meet the city's needs.	To achieve sound documents within the LDF* and effective planning policies.	affordable housing in the right places with a greater contribution made by the private sector.  Delivered 992 new affordable homes by 2013.	Framework provides an appropriate policy framework for this strategy.  (The LDF comprises a number of documents, a Core Strategy, a Site Allocations Development Plan Document and Supplementary Planning Documents.)  ii) by revisiting the Officers and Developers guidelines on:  - publicity on planning requirements for housing proposals to encourage land values to reflect likely developer contributions to be sought, including affordable housing;  - pre-planning application advice;  - planning application submission checklist;  - procedure for financial viability cases;  - early contact with HC & RSL(s);  - Project Team approach for all large applications;  - assessment of planning applications;  - working in partnership with developers, landowners, RSLs,	Mike Richardson	approved by Council in September 2009.  The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is scheduled for drafting by Summer 2010. A Housing SPD will follow.  Work on the Sites Allocations and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document is due to start in Summer 2010.  Completed.
			etc;  iii) by assessing staff skills requirements and addressing any gaps, eg taking up HCA's offer to raise skills.  iv) ensure our LAA NI154 and NI155 targets are ambitious	Andrew Smith/Ann Branson Andrew	Ongoing.  Next refresh scheduled for winter 09/10,

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				and realistic reflecting current economic downturn	Smith/Ann Branson	for sign-off by Leicester Partnership Executive and Cabinet by mid-Feb 2010.
			v)	by liaising with the Homes and Communities Agency and the Leicester and Leicestershire Employment and Skills Board to maximise opportunities to develop skills and jobs in the city via investment in affordable housing.	Mike Dalzell	Ongoing.
			В.	Optimising affordable housing outcomes from LCC land and property disposals:		
			i)	Consider what proportion of affordable housing should be sought at Ashton Green;	Geoff Mee	Completed: pre-submission Core Strategy approved by Council in September 2009 includes for 30% affordable housing (policy 7).
			ii)	<ul> <li>Consider requiring more than the plan target amount of affordable housing on some or all LCC disposals, also taking account of other reasonable planning requirements;</li> </ul>	Ann Branson/ Andrew Smith/Neil Gamble	Completed. Strategy for responding to Government housing investment initiatives agreed by Cabinet Lead members in August 2009.
				<ul> <li>Consider marketing sites below the affordable housing threshold with a requirement that a proportion of the homes should be for social rented affordable housing;</li> </ul>		
	To maximise opportunities to develop skills and jobs			<ul> <li>Consider disposals at less than market value (either as simple direct subsidy or as part of funding package eg with HCA or PFI);</li> </ul>		
	in the city via			<ul> <li>Consider Council building affordable homes;</li> </ul>		
	investment in affordable housing.			<ul> <li>Consider funding infrastructure through Growth Point funding;</li> </ul>		
				<ul> <li>Consider LCC applying directly for Social Housing Grant.</li> </ul>		
				(such consideration to also take account of marketability,		

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				development land value implications and other priorities of the Council).		
			iii)	Continue programme of releasing HRA (backland) sites;	Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
			iv)	Continue with programme of HRA stock assessment to identify any issues which could be addressed through remodeling or redevelopment;	Dave Pate	Ongoing.
			v)	Consider Local Housing Company.	Ann Branson	Completed. Not being pursued.
			C.	Maximising the amount of capital funding (subsidy) for affordable housing		
			i)	by revisiting LCC's priorities for developer contributions, including on-site affordable housing;	Andrew Smith	On hold awaiting further Government guidance on proposed Community Infrastructure Levy and its impact on other developer contributions.
			ii)	by revisiting our commuted sums investment programme;	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Completed. All received commuted sums have been and are targeted at opportunities to reflect strategic priorities.
			iii)	by working with HCA in respect of both expert help and funding options;	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
			iv)	by responding positively to the range of new products for intermediate housing, promoting these products via Housing Options;	Vijay Desor	Housing Options staff to have been briefed on new products by March 2010.
			v)	by reassessing the contribution the private rented sector may be able to make in meeting affordable housing need, in particular, the impact of the new Local Housing Allowances;	Ann Branson	To be completed by December 2009.
			vi)	by ensuring that the Growth Infrastructure Assessment reflects all possible sources of funding for required infrastructure;	Diana Chapman	Completed.
			vii)	by continuing to target NGP funds at enabling affordable	Andrew Smith	Completed. Eg. NGP funds at BUSM

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			housing as well as for infrastructure;		and Shonki/Sangra sites.
			viii) by encouraging RSLs to use some of their own resources to make their bids for funding more competitive (& hopefully, therefore, more likely to succeed);	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
			ix) Consider funding LCC Affordable Rent Grant each year as part of Housing Capital Programme:	Ann Branson	Consider annually in capital programme.
			x) Consider LCC applying directly for Social Housing grant;	Ann Branson	Completed. Council successful in its phase 1 bid for 93 homes. Phase 2 bid to be submitted by end October 2009.
			xi) Continue to identify and explore all funding opportunities.	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
			xii) Continue to explore the new ways of liaising with partners.	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	New Affordable Housing Programme Board set up in Spring 2009, involving stakeholders.
2. Getting the right mix of	To ensure that no group of people/	More people living in decent homes and overcrowding	A. Working with partners to make best use of negotiation skills and planning powers:		
affordable housing to best meet	households are disadvantaged	reduced. Have an accommodation strategy for better	<ul> <li>by ensuring that the Local Development Framework provides an appropriate policy framework for this strategy.</li> </ul>	Diana Chapman	The pre-submission Core Strategy approved by Council in September 2009.
housing needs.	by the supply of new housing.  To achieve sound	use of housing. Will have robust processes in place to ensure engagement of clients contributing	(The LDF comprises a number of documents, a Core Strategy, a Site Allocations Development Plan Document and Supplementary Planning Documents.)		The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is scheduled for drafting by Summer 2010. A Housing SPD will follow.  Work on the Sites Allocations and Document Control Delicing
	documents within the LDF* and effective	to strategies/ Service developments.			Development Control Policies Development Plan Document is due to start in Summer 2010.
	planning policies.	More older people will live independently in the community of their choice. More	<ul> <li>i) By ensuring that supported housing requirements are considered when advising on what mix of affordable housing should be sought on sites, including those identified within the Supporting People Strategy, the Vision for Extra Care &amp; PSA 16;</li> </ul>	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.

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		people with long term conditions will live independently	<ul> <li>ii) <u>By developing an Overcrowding Strategy</u> based on findings of current pilot;</li> </ul>	Juliet Howells	Pilot now in second year. Strategy due April 2010.
		in the community of their choice.	iii) Ensure that the SHMA findings/key elements are monitored and updated;	Russell Taylor	Ongoing.
		Have regular engagement with clients contributing to strategies & service delivery.	iv) <u>Cross-boundary working;</u>	Andrew Smith	HPIG (Housing, Planning and Infrastructure Group) now in place, reporting to the Co-ordination Group, which reports to the Leadership Group.
		Service delivery.	v) seeking HCA funding to change the tenure of some existing private housing to meet affordable housing needs, particularly to achieve independent living for vulnerable groups and use empty housing, helping to create mixed communities;		A small number of private sector empty properties are currently being considered for this initiative.
			vi) Ensure involvement of tenants and communities; when sites are developed.	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
			vii) by revisiting the Officers and Developers guidelines on:  - publicity on planning requirements for housing proposals to encourage land values to reflect likely developer contributions to be sought, including affordable housing;  - pre-planning application advice;  - planning application submission checklist;  - procedure for financial viability cases;  - early contact with HC & RSL(s);  - Project Team approach for all large applications;  - assessment of planning applications;  - working in partnership with developers, landowners, RSLs, etc;	Mike Richardson	Completed.
			B. Optimising affordable housing outcomes from LCC land and property disposals:		
			<ul> <li>Ensure vision for Ashton Green and marketing details, etc seek best mix of housing to reflect housing needs, including supported housing, taking into account</li> </ul>		Pre-public consultation master-planning reflects housing needs. Due for public consultation in Autumn 2009.

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		Top Ten target		marketability of land;	Leau	
			ii)	Redevelop existing council housing stock where this will best meet needs;	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Work to assess the potential for redevelopment of some bungalows scheduled for 2013.
			iii)	For ALL council-owned residential site disposal proposals, consider including a brief summary statement of the kind of residential development (mix, size, type of housing) including affordable housing which will be acceptable to the council within the tender brief for sites/properties being tendered;	Neil Evans	This approach is being used for the proposed disposals to RSLs in 2009/10.
			iv)	Consider whether any priority supported housing needs could be met at sites/properties proposed for disposal.	Neil Evans	Priority supported housing provision is being considered for inclusion within two sites proposed for disposal to RSLs in 2009/10.
			C.	Maximising the amount of capital funding (subsidy) for affordable housing		
				Engage with funders esp HCA to ensure that funders' VFM assessments reflect the city's housing needs and priorities.	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.
3. Achieving good	Have fit for purpose homes that	Reduce CO2 emissions in Leicester to 1.6	A.	Working with partners to make best use of negotiation skills and planning powers:		
quality affordable housing that will meet current and future housing needs.	reflect the range of households they are intended for.  All new family homes to be suitably designed and delivered for families and children.	million tones.  Neighbours will interact more with each other.  Increased the % of people satisfied with their area from 65% to 77% (proxy for pride).	Site Allo	by ensuring that the Local Development Framework provides an appropriate policy framework for this strategy.  OF comprises a number of documents, a Core Strategy, a pocations Development Plan Document and Supplementary g Documents.)	Diana Chapman	The pre-submission Core Strategy approved by Council in September 2009.  The Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document is scheduled for drafting by Summer 2010. A Housing SPD will follow.  Work on the Sites Allocations and Development Control Policies Development Plan Document is due to start in Summer 2010.

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	within the LDF* and effective planning policies.		iii)	To ensure clarity on ownership, responsibility & charges in terms of issues ranging from communal areas to graffiti/ASB.	Janet Callan	Work to assess how best to address these issues whenever the Council is selling residential land and/or considering residential planning applications currently programmed for Winter 2010.
			В.	Optimising affordable housing outcomes from LCC land and property disposals:		
			i)	Ensure Ashton Green proposals seek quality homes;	Geoff Mee	Pre-consultation masterplanning includes for quality standards. Public consultation due in Autumn 2009.
			C.	Maximising the amount of capital funding (subsidy) for affordable housing		
				Engage with funders esp HCA to ensure that funders' VFM assessments reflect the city's quality and sustainability aspirations.	Janet Callan/Julia Keeling	Ongoing.