

Report to: Community Protection Panel

Date: 21st July 2008

Subject: Housing Partnership Event 8th July 2008

Report of: Director of Environmental Services

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Purpose / summary: To inform members about the Housing Partnership event on the 8th July 2008

Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended: N/A

Recommendation / decision: Members note the contents of the report

Key Decision:

Risks / Implications: None

Financial: None

Staffing: None

Policy: None

Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted? A diversity impact assessment is not necessary at this stage, however, equality and diversity implications have been considered when producing this report.

Wards affected: All

Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?

No

If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?

No

Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?

No

Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?

No

Has the Service Director - Borough Solicitor confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution? **N/A**

Has the Service Director - Corporate Services confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget? **N/A**

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council? **No**

* delete which applicable

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Categorisation of the report:	x		x
Discussion leading to a decision		Discussion	
Monitoring		Decision	
Sharing for corporate understanding		Information	x

Tracking/Process:

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council
CPP 21.7.08			

There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Martin Kimber

Date 1/7/08

1. Background

- 1.1 The Housing Partnership is one of the seven thematic partnerships delivering the goals of the Community Plan on behalf of the Local Strategic Partnership. The Local Area Agreement will see the Housing partnership merge with the economic, cultural and environment and development partnerships to form the economic development and enterprise block.
- 1.2 The Housing Partnership meets twice a year. It is jointly responsible with the Community Safety Partnership for achieving Goal 6 "*Provide access to decent homes in clean, safe neighbourhoods*". There is an open door policy with regard to membership and anyone who is interested in housing in the Wigan Borough is welcomed. The partnership identifies housing issues in the Borough and then suggests solutions for such issues. They are instrumental in creating and monitoring the Wigan Borough Housing Strategy.

2. Housing Partnership Event 8th July 2008

- 2.1 The Partnership held an event on the 8th July 2008 at the JJB. The event saw the publication of the results of the Housing Needs and Demand Survey, recently carried out by David Couttie Associates. As such private developers and private sector housing specialists who had previously not attended Housing Partnership meeting were invited.
- 2.2 The Assistant Director Housing Regeneration, Peter Layland, will give the panel a verbal report on the results of this event which are critical in our review of our Housing Strategy.

3. Recommendations:

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the content of the verbal report

Timescale	
Responsibility	
Comments	

Are the actions specified included in any other documents/plans?

Departmental Service Plan	
Section/Team Plan	
Other (Specify)	

Date for further review

