

**Wigan Borough Housing Partnership**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007 - 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Leigh Miners Welfare Institute, Leigh**

<b>No.</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b></p> <p>Donna Barrow Jones – Housing Benefits Wigan Council Suzanne Bullock – Adactus Housing Association Ashley Crumbley – Wigan &amp; Leigh Housing Councillor Keith Cunliffe – Wigan Council Jeanette Donnelly – New Progress Housing Association Angela Durkin – Housing Strategy Wigan Council Sarah Fontana – Private Sector Housing Wigan Council Reverend Tim Hall – Queens Hall Help Committee Chris Harris – Leigh CAB Janice Hogg – Ashton, Leigh, Wigan Primary Care Trust Lynn Kay – Community Engagement Wigan Council Peter Layland – Housing Strategy Wigan Council Cath McAndry – English Churches Housing Group Anees Mank – Private Sector Housing Wigan Council Steve Martlew – Housing Strategy Wigan Council Geoff Roberts – Wigan &amp; Leigh Housing Steve Sargent – Housing Strategy Wigan Council Pat Shacklock – Community Safety Wigan Council Karen Spencer – Arena Care &amp; Repair Martin Stuart – Planning Policy Wigan Council Kath Withington – Anchor Housing</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b></p> <p>Linda Adhana – Ashton, Leigh &amp; Wigan Primary Care Trust Val Blackburn – Adult Services Wigan Council Paul Cartwright – Victim Support Rona Cruikshank - Ashton, Leigh &amp; Wigan Primary Care Trust Debbie Emmitt – Wigan &amp; Leigh Housing John Fairclough – Community Safety Wigan Council Bernard Fitzsimmons – Adult Services Wigan Council Sally Forshaw - Ashton, Leigh &amp; Wigan Primary Care Trust Richard Foster – Children and Young Peoples Services John Hutchison – Community Safety Wigan Council Lynda Ingham – Arena Housing Ann King – Older Peoples Forum Karen Laithwaite – English Churches Housing Group Michael Le Breton – Happy Homes Sarah McCarthy – Supporting People Wigan Council Marjorie Marsden – Community Network Ann Reid - Ashton, Leigh &amp; Wigan Primary Care Trust Annabelle Robinson – Adactus Housing Association Ken Wardale – Environmental Services Wigan Council Simon Woods – Robin Park Developments</p>	

3.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Peter Layland welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the format of the morning.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Election of New Chair</u></b></p> <p>Peter Layland outlined the process that had taken place with regard to electing a new chair. A description of the role of Chair of the Housing partnership had been circulated, nominations had been requested and one had been received. The new chairperson of the Housing Partnership would be Chris Harris from CAB. Chris introduced himself.</p> <p>Thanks was given to Paul Lees who had been the chair of the partnership over the last 5 years.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Presentation: The Housing Partnership Core Strategy Group and the Housing Partnership Framework.</u></b></p> <p>Steve Martlew delivered a presentation on the work of the Housing Partnership Core Strategy Group and the framework in which the Housing partnership operates. Steve circulated a document that complimented his presentation.</p> <p>Q1. Lynn Kay asked what information/evidence was there that the Community Safety partnership worked closely with the Housing Partnership in attempting to deliver goal 6?</p> <p>Peter Layland replied that whilst there was a recognition of the need to strengthen links between the other thematic partnerships, and that this was part of role of Core Strategy Group – there was evidence of good collaborative work in projects such as alleygating</p> <p>Q2. Tim Hall asked that that the document be amended to demonstrate a clearer link between the Housing Partnership and the Supporting People Commissioning Body.</p> <p>Peter Layland replied that the links are there as he sits on the Commissioning board and attends the Housing Partnership. The document would be amended to reflect this.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Presentation: Performance for 2006/07 including the need to review the Housing Strategy</u></b></p> <p>Steve Sargent delivered a presentation on the performance of the current Housing Strategy throughout its lifetime and the timetable for the writing of the new strategy. The presentation ended by asking 2 questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which housing priorities have we made good progress on?</li> <li>2. Which housing priorities remain key problems?</li> </ol> <p>The first workshop got underway and each group was tasked with answering the 2 questions above.</p>	

7.	<p><b><u>Presentation: Housing Market Trends / Sub-Regional Working</u></b></p> <p>Peter Layland delivered a presentation on the current trends and issues in housing within Wigan and the sub-region. The presentation also highlighted what the future trends and issues were likely to be. Much of the data within the presentation came from the sub-regional piece of research called “Making Housing Count”</p> <p>The presentation ended with 2 issues for groups to look at in workshop 2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify future needs/gaps</li> <li>2. What are your top 3 priorities to achieve the aim of “An affordable, decent home in a clean, safe neighbourhood”</li> </ol>	
8.	<p><b><u>Feedback results:</u></b></p> <p>Each group fed back their discussions from both workshop 1 and workshop 2.</p> <p>The feedback can be grouped into the following themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which housing priorities have we made good progress on? <p>Decent Homes &amp; Energy Efficiency  Delivering Good quality Public Services  Partnership Working  Customer Choice  Better Homeless Prevention and Support Services  Increased tenant participation</p> </li> <li>2. What Housing priorities remain key problems? <p>Affordable Housing  Homelessness numbers and people with significant complex needs  Funding for supported housing schemes for helping people with complex needs  Neighbourhood Deprivation  Housing issues for minority, vulnerable groups</p> </li> <li>3. Identify Future Needs/Gaps and top 3 Priorities</li> </ol> <p>All the issues/gaps that each member wrote have been recorded but are too lengthy to list here. There was a consensus amongst all groups that the top 3 priorities are (again these are themed):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Housing for Vulnerable Groups</li> <li>2. Affordable Housing</li> <li>3. Neighbourhood / Environment Issues</li> </ol>	
9.	<p><b><u>Date &amp; time of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>The next full Housing Partnership meeting will be held in November 2007. A firm date and venue will be circulated nearer to the time.</p>	