



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE

DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 2008

HEAD OF SERVICE: ECONOMY & HOUSING

REPORTING OFFICER: HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER
Richard Etherington

SUBJECT: HOUSING – PERFORMANCE REPORT

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Members of progress made against the Council's agreed Housing policies and to invite comments from the Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members endorse the performance report and agree any amendments to policy or further action required to improve performance.

3.0 PERFORMANCE REPORT

<p>Strategic Objective</p> <p>To enable the provision of Affordable housing for Rent and low cost Ownership for sale</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agreement in principle with local landowner to develop scheme to convert property to provide five units of affordable housing ▪ Follow-up review of progress as a result of the Affordable Housing Review which took place in 2006 by the Audit Commission ▪ Completion of 45 affordable properties between April and September 2008 ▪ Held a successful Open Day to promote the affordable housing scheme in Nawton / Beadlam ▪ Meeting of the Affordable Housing Project Group ▪ Held a meeting of the Ryedale Housing Forum
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<p>Development of services to meet the needs of homeless applicants and implementation of measures to prevent homelessness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Launch of the Scarborough / Ryedale Nightstop initiative ▪ Provision of support for the HARP court scheme which provides advocacy support at court ▪ A total of 111 homeless preventions from April to September 2008 ▪ A reduction in homeless presentations from 35 in 2007 to 17 in 2008 for the period April to September ▪ Employment of a Housing Options Officer (Private Sector) and the launch of the Ryedale Lettings Service following a successful external funding bid ▪ Supported and secured funding for the CAB Money Advice Worker ▪ Completion of the Homeless Strategy Action Plan 2008 / 2011 ▪ Completion of the North Yorkshire Homelessness Strategy 2008 / 2011
<p>To address decency issues in the private sector and the maintenance of the private housing stock in general</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adoption of the Private Sector Housing Strategy ▪ Approved a total of 22 Home Repair Grants to a value of £76.5k and completed 27 grants totalling £89.2k from April to October 2008 ▪ Approved 1 Empty Property Grant to a value of £14.3k
<p>Enabling independent living</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approved a total of 44 DFG's to a value of £221.7k and completed 45 grants totalling £191.4k from April to October 2008 ▪ Secured a total of 81 new connections to the Ryecare Lifeline Service ▪ Successfully tendered for the Selby DC dispersed alarm service ▪ Replaced the call handling equipment for the Ryecare Lifeline Service to maximize the service potential ▪ Development and implementation of the Ryedale Handyperson Scheme ▪ Further development of the telecare provisions as part of the Ryecare Lifeline Service ▪ Secured funding for a full time outreach worker for Domestic Abuse Services ▪ Completion of a sub-regional survey into the accommodation needs of Gypsies and Travellers
<p>To contribute to social inclusion and the provision of sustainable communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of a CCTV system in temporary accommodation managed by the Council ▪ Approved a total of 56 Energy Efficiency Grants to a value of £47k and completed 36 grants totaling £27.1k in the period April to September 2008