

An Introduction to The Single Conversation

Homes & Communities Agency - A New Era

- HCA is a new agency bringing together many regeneration funding pots
 - HMR, RHB, English Partnerships, NAHP, Decent Homes, Growth, CIF
- Closer working and alignment between HCA and the RDA (Regional Development Agency) Yorkshire Forward
- HCA will be the key player in delivering housing and regeneration projects throughout the country
- A key methodology for deciding the allocation of this funding is to be the single conversation with local authorities

How the Single Conversation Will Take Place

- The single conversation is a place-based approach that will take the vision and ambitions of local authorities and help them achieve their plans through a shared investment agreement. Through this process, the HCA as the national housing and regeneration agency, will act as the bridge between local ambition and national targets.
- Single conversation is the approach adopted to agree funding allocations for a 3 year period
 - Series of workshops and working group meetings
 - Rotherham priorities
 - HCA themes and priorities
 - Funding/Budget constraints
 - Uncertain political environment
- Consultation and communication policy being developed to ensure Members, ADF steering groups, internal and external partners are informed and engaged

Single Conversation - Timetable

- Single Conversation Pilots started this month
- Rotherham is planning to start the process in January 2010
- Important to maintain momentum by continuity of External Funding beyond 2011

2011/14 Local Investment Agreement

- The process will articulate the shared priorities of the local partners including:
 - Spatial priorities for growth and renewal
 - Town centre renaissance
 - Key housing and regeneration sites
 - Physical and social infrastructure requirements
 - Local Investment Plans
 - Delivery roles and responsibilities
 - Capacity to deliver and risks associated with plans

Uncertainties of future funding

- The HCA and the Single conversation are not yet established.
- The impact of the economic downturn may restrict public funding for regeneration
- RMBC does not know how much it will be allocated
- TSY are adapting their role to meet the current changing environment
- The point at which housing market recovery and private sector led growth will support our objectives

Homes & Communities Agency Regional Priorities



- Affordable Housing (NAHP)
 - Housing Delivery
 - Housing Quality
 - Vulnerable and older people
 - Gypsy and traveller
- Housing Growth
- Housing Market Renewal
- Vulnerable people

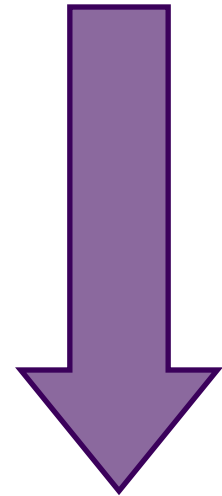
Our Track Record 2008/11

Year	HMR /RHB /Growth	NAHP	Total
2008 / 2011	£35.7m	£14m	£49.7m

- £7.5m commitments going forwards

Developing Rotherham's 2011-2014 programme

- Weekly officer working group
- Monthly strategic group Chaired by Dave Richmond
- Workshop event
- Consultation Programme to ensure stakeholder buy in
- Sub – Regional Housing Investment Strategy in place by November 2009
- Workshops with the HCA anticipated January 2010



What Are Our Spatial Priorities?

- Rotherham Town Centre
- The Rotherham Central Corridor
- The Dearne Valley
- Dinnington and Maltby
- Rawmarsh and Parkgate

What Should Be Our Priorities?

- Affordable Housing
- Decent Homes Plus
- New Housing Delivery
- Vulnerable Housing
- Neighbourhood Centres & Environmental Improvements
- Affordable Warmth & Eco Housing
- Private Sector Housing

Next Steps

- Sub Regional Housing Investment Plan in place by November 2009
- Feedback from Sheffield experience by HCA in November
- Review of Existing Housing Strategy and make Fit for Purpose
- Analysis of evidence of need
- Agree priorities for investment
- Review of surplus public sector assets and use
- Develop local investment plans
- Commence Single Conversation Early 2010

Questions & Comments