

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
25th OCTOBER 2007

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY & REGENERATION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
10th OCTOBER 2007

HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Committee received a briefing paper from the Housing Services Manager to report progress on the refreshing of the Council's Housing Strategy 2004-2007 and associated Action Plan.

The Council is awaiting further guidance on the production of sub-regional Housing Strategies. In the meanwhile, it has been agreed with the Government Office for the West Midlands that the Council will undertake a "light touch " review of its Housing Strategy.

Members gave detailed consideration to the priority areas in the current Housing strategy that would need to be refreshed as part of this review. The priorities included: meeting affordable housing need; tackling homelessness and providing housing options; maintaining the independence of older and vulnerable people through housing and support; and improving conditions in private sector housing.

The Committee supported the refreshing of the housing strategy and action plans to assist the Council to meet its housing priorities in the current year.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET

The Housing Targets for 2007/08, as detailed in the briefing paper to the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 10th October 2007, be agreed and the refreshed Housing Strategy be developed and consulted upon over the forthcoming months.