

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
19TH APRIL 2011

**Recommendation from Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee,
Thursday 3rd March 2011**

Local Investment Plan and the Homes and Communities Agency

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Housing Services Manager that outlined the origins of the Local Investment Plan (LIP) and its role in supporting funding bids including with the Homes and Communities Agency.

The Local Investment Plan sets out to develop the needs to be addressed, based on robust evidence from local strategies, including the Sustainable Community Strategy, Local Development Framework and other relevant strategies. The LIP considers spatial, geographical and thematic priorities for Districts and the County Council.

The development of the LIP was overseen by specific task and finish groups set up in the north and south of the county and was overseen by the Place Shaping Theme Group. Throughout the process registered providers, with an interest in developing in the area, were consulted through the North and South Delivery Groups.

The development of the LIP was commissioned by Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive of Redditch and Bromsgrove Councils, in conjunction with the six district Strategic Housing leads and funded by a combination of regional and district budgets. The successful consultants were a joint group of consultants, Regeneris Consulting and BBP Regeneration who had previous experience of developing LIP's elsewhere.

The LIP has identified three key strategic priorities:

- Creating the conditions to sustain and generate employment
- Providing the right housing for all communities
- Developing Worcestershire's infrastructure

Recommended to Cabinet: The Local Investment Plan be approved.