

**Subject: Housing Strategy Action Plan  
Update (12 Month)**

**Status: For Publication**

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**Report to: Overview & Scrutiny  
Committee (Performance Task Group)**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

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**Report of: Head of Economic Regeneration & Strategic Housing**

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**Portfolio  
Holder: Cabinet Member for Regeneration**

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION                      Tick Box**

Draft Policy Framework Document                     

Response to Consultation                     

New Policy Initiative                     

Other (please state) **Performance Management Update on Housing Strategy  
Action Plan**.....

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**1.        PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1.    To provide an update report on the targets/outputs and achievements of the  
Housing Strategy Action Plan over the last 6 months.

**2.        CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

**2.1      Delivering Regeneration Across the Borough (Economy)**

This action plan will help revitalise parts of the Borough in need of regeneration, such as the Housing Market Renewal Area in Bacup, Stacksteads and Britannia. In addition, it will also assist residents of the Borough as a whole by encouraging the provision of different house type mixes and more affordable housing for local people.

### **3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The risk of not delivering the Housing Strategy is that home ownership could become more difficult to achieve for local people, vulnerable groups may find themselves excluded from the housing market and the range and mix of accommodation available would not meet the needs of local residents.

### **4. BACKGROUND/REASON FOR REPORT**

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress that has been achieved over the last 6 months against the objectives included in the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

- 4.2 It is considered that steady progress has been continued during this period. One of the key targets achieved within this second period of review has been in particular the successful transfer of the local authorities housing stock to Green Vale Homes together with the development of a monitoring system in place to assess the progress of Green Vale Homes against the 12 customer promises they said they would deliver as part of the transfer.

- 4.3 The table below summarises the action plan progress to date.

Assessment Period	Targets Achieved	Targets not yet achieved	Targets not started or Failed to Achieve	Total Targets
January 2006	30	31	14	75
September 2006	39	28	8	75

- 4.4 Based on the previous review of the Housing Strategy Action Plan, the strategic housing team has managed to achieve 9 more targets and reduce the number of targets not started yet or failed to achieve from 14 down to 8.

- 4.5 Out of the total of 75 targets, 23 are priority targets of which 14 have been completed, 6 targets are not yet achieved and only 3 remain not started or failed to achieve.

### **5. OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 There are no specific options to consider for members as a result of the actions within the Housing Strategy Action Plan. This report is purely for information on the last 6 months performance.

### **6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

- 6.1 No financial implications arising as a direct result of the targets set out within the Housing Strategy Action Plan

### **7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications arising as a direct result of the targets set out within the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

## 8. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 8.1 The ongoing development of the Council's strategic housing function will involve the recruitment of a small number of new staff to reflect the increased workload following on from stock transfer.

## 9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Again the Strategic Housing Team has continued to deliver its targets set within the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

## 10. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 10.1 That the report and achievements to date be noted by the committee

## 11. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 11.1 List of Consultees following on from this committee meeting will be

LSP Executive  
LSP Housing Theme Group  
Rossendale Youth Housing & Support Group

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Rossendale BC Housing Strategy 2005-2008	<a href="http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=6">http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?downloadID=6</a>
Housing Needs & Market Assessment 2005	<a href="http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=13">http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/site/scripts/download_info.php?fileID=13</a>
Overview & Scrutiny Housing Strategy Action Plan (6 Month review) Report (23.01.06)	<a href="http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/Item_D1_2_.pdf">http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/Item_D1_2_.pdf</a>