

**Subject:** Housing Strategy Action Plan Update (2 year)      **Status:** For Publication

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**Report to:** Performance Scrutiny Committee      **Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007

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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 year since last reported on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**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
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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

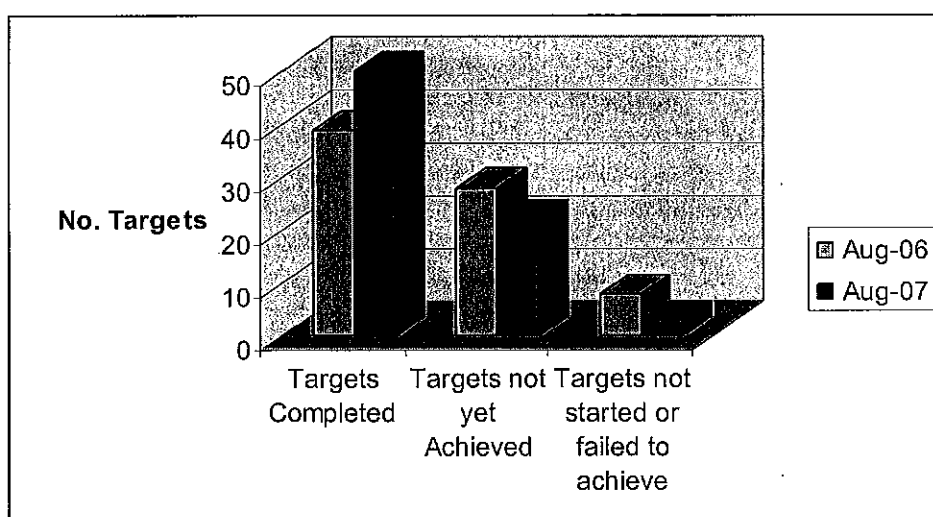
4.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress that has been achieved over the last year against the objectives included in the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

4.2 It is considered that steady progress has been continued during this period. One of the key targets achieved within this second year of review has been in particular the development of an Affordable Housing Strategy and the development of an Empty Homes Strategy which will help drive forward the need for affordable housing in the Borough.

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
August 2006	39	28	8	75
August 2007	50	22	3	75

4.4 Based on the previous review of the Housing Strategy Action Plan, the strategic housing team has managed to complete 11 more targets and reduce the number of targets not started yet or failed to achieve from 8 down to 3. The graph below illustrates the progress made within the last year



4.5 Out of the total of 75 targets, 23 are priority targets of which 17 have now been completed, 5 targets are not yet achieved and only 1 remains not started or failed to achieve. See comparisons below.

Assessment Period	Targets	Targets	Targets not started or	Total
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	Achieved	not yet achieved	Failed to Achieve	Priority Targets
August 2006	14	6	3	23
August 2007	17	5	1	23

## **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 year's 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 There are no Human Resource implications arising as a direct result of the targets set out within the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The overall direction of travel is a positive one and within the last year 11 more actions have been completed, whilst reducing the targets that have not been started or failed and those that have not been achieved yet.

## **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

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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 (1 year review) Report (11.10.2006)	<a href="http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/Housing_Strategy_Action_Plan_Oct_06.pdf">http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/downloads/Housing_Strategy_Action_Plan_Oct_06.pdf</a>