

Subject: Housing Market Renewal
Programme 2009 - 2010

Status: For Publication

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 15th April 2009

Report of: Head of Regeneration

Portfolio

Holder: Regeneration

Key Decision: Yes

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek delegated authority for the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to approve the Housing Market Renewal Programme for 2009 – 10 once the precise level of the allocation to Rossendale is known.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.

- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
- Delivering Regeneration across the Borough (Economy, Housing)
- Keeping Our Borough Clean and Green (Environment)
- Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live and visit (Economy)
- Improving health and well being across the Borough (Health, Housing)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- There is insufficient funding within the Council's Housing Capital Programme to fund these activities. Therefore, the new programme can

only start to be delivered once the allocations for the 2009/2010 programme are confirmed.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 Cabinet considered a report on the HMR programme in March 2009. However, at that point the allocations to individual local authorities had not been agreed.
- 4.2 Cabinet felt that they could not approve the programme without further detail being available but were also keen not to cause any unnecessary delay in implementing the programme once the individual allocations were known.
- 4.3 It was agreed that a further report should be considered by the meeting of the April Cabinet and that delegated authority may need to be granted to the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration if the precise details of the allocation for Rossendale were still to be confirmed.
- 4.4 The Pennine Lancashire Pathfinder – Elevate has been awarded £45 million for the 2009 – 2010 Housing Market Renewal Programme. Following this announcement a meeting of the Elevate Board has been arranged for the 20th April to agree the funding allocations to the partner authorities.
- 4.5 As this meeting takes place after the meeting of the April Cabinet it is proposed that delegated authority for the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to approve the proposed Housing Market Renewal Programme for 2009 – 10 once the precise level of the allocation to Rossendale is known.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 Financial matters are noted in the report. The HMR programme is funded externally through ELEVATE grants.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 No comments.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 No Human Resources implications arising from the report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Rossendale has a successful track record in delivering the Housing Market Renewal Programme in the area which is recognised by Elevate and GONW. The 2009 – 2010 Programme will continue this and provides a real opportunity to improve the quality of life for local residents.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 That delegated authority be granted to the Head of Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration to approve the Housing Market Renewal Programme for 2009 – 10 once the precise level of the allocation to Rossendale is known.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Ward Members, Elevate East Lancashire,

11. COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Community Impact Assessment required Yes

Is a Community Impact Assessment attached Yes

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required Yes

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached Yes

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
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