CARLISLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

HOUSING MARKET GROUP MINUTES OF MEETING 18 JANUARY 2010 COMMITTEE ROOM A, CARLISLE CIVIC CENTRE

Attendees

Mally Irving (Riverside), Rachel Lightfoot (Story), Jocelyn Holland (CALC), Phil Houghton (Lovell), Graham Hale (Cumbria County Council), Gillian Connolly (LIEP), Julie Whitlock (Brampton Rural Housing Trust), John Holland (Brampton Rural Housing Trust), Mandy Hoyles (Home), Andrew Williams (Carlisle City Council), Simon Taylor (Carlisle City Council), Margaret Miller (Carlisle City Council), Christopher Hardman (Carlisle City Council), Cllr Marilyn Bowman (Carlisle City Council)

Apologies

Anne-Marie Wilmot (Impact), Greg Denwood (Two Castles), Elsa Brady (Home), John Clasper (Eden HA), Jacqui Walsh (HCA), Reuben Flynn (Carlisle City Council)

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1.	Introductions	
2.	Apologies	
3.	Background/ Purpose of the Group:	
	Simon Taylor explained that the meeting was the inaugural gathering of the Housing Market Group, a sub-group of the Carlisle Housing Partnership which was re-launched in November 2010.	
4.	Terms of Reference	
	Gill Connolly led a discussion on the draft terms of reference. A revised terms of reference has been circulated along with the minutes of the meeting.	
	Delivering Homes is to be the key focus of the group.	
	The group needs to interact with both the broader work of the Carlisle Partnership, as well as operating and influencing the work going on at a County level; Phil Houghton currently sits on the Economic Development & Enterprise Priority Working Group of the Local Strategic Partnership.	
	A standing agenda item is to include ongoing feedback on the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership)/ the Economic Development & Enterprise Group of the LSP (Local Strategic Partnership).	
	Performance Monitoring – The importance of monitoring the work carried out by the group was highlighted, with some analysis needed on whether the group was influencing outcomes.	Carlisle City Council to draw up draft performance monitoring

		document.
	Frequency, venue and facilitation of meetings – The group will generally meet quarterly at Carlisle Civic Centre. The facilitation of meetings is to be done by Carlisle City Council.	
	Group membership – the following people were suggested as potential attendees of the Housing Market Group: • The chair of the Choice Based Letting project board • A representative from Cumberland Building Society/ Estate Agents • A representative from Cumbria Home Buy Agents	Carlisle City Council to contact and invite potential attendees.
5.	Group Work Plan	
	Many attendees felt that the action plan circulated prior to the meeting was not specific enough and was too Council-centric. It was agreed that the group would develop its own work plan. This could be based on existing action plans and the Economic Development & Enterprise action plan of the Carlisle Partnership, relating to the delivery of new housing. Work plan to be drawn up at next meeting	Group members to bring forward relevant action plans.
6.	Housing Demand Study	
	The first draft of Carlisle's proposed Housing Demand Study was circulated. The study is intended to update the housing needs evidence gathered from a district wide survey carried out in 2006. Comments on the Study are welcome.	
7.	Housing Compact	
	The Housing Compact is to be circulated prior to the next meeting.	
8.	Impact of Government Policy	
	An update is to be circulated on various strands of new and developing government policies, such as those coming out of the Localism Bill and the impact of housing benefit changes.	Carlisle City Council to circulate update to group for feedback.
9.	Nomination of Chair	
	Rachel Lightfoot agreed to chair the next meeting of the Housing Market Group	
10.	Agenda Items for Next Meeting	
	Understanding the barriers to housing delivery Ongoing feedback on the LEP	
11	Date for Next Meeting	
	April 11 th 2011 – 10am, Carlisle Civic Centre	