

Refresh of the Housing Strategy for Herefordshire

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Why is the strategy being revised?

- Previous Housing Strategy ran until 2008
- West Market Housing Area – future move towards developing sub-regional strategies
- Changing economic climate
- Herefordshire Core Strategy – LDF & Growth
- National policy changes/funding priorities
- Decent Homes, Licensing
- Homelessness
- Area-Based Grant

Evidence base

- Brought together current information on housing, including strategies, key demographic/economic statistics, Parish Plans, Housing Needs Surveys, Strategic Land Assessment, outcomes from recent consultations, and current policy developments

Progress towards achieving the previous Housing Strategy

- Within our action plan we had 57 actions, of which:
- 39 have been completed (68%)
- 8 are in progress towards completion (14%)

The proposed Vision to 2020

By 2020 housing in Herefordshire will be more appropriate and affordable for local people, supporting community cohesion and sustainability. Housing will be of a high quality, increasingly energy efficient and suitable for the diverse needs of the community.

4 priorities capturing the 4 biggest issues for housing in Herefordshire

- Each priority has an aim
- Each priority has a set of objectives
- And a set of actions will be developed for each priority

The four proposed priorities are:

- Priority 1 – to achieve a more balanced housing market
- Priority 2 – Decent homes
- Priority 3- Meeting the needs of vulnerable households
- Priority 4 – Preventing homelessness

Other impacts we need to take into account

- There are a number of housing issues which impact across all four priorities:
 - Minimising impact on the environment
 - Economic Downturn
 - Growing Older Population

Consultation arrangements

- The deadline for comments is **Thursday 29th April 2010**
- You can complete the questionnaire and return it in hard copy, by email or online at the Herefordshire Council website.
- Further details are in the consultation document and the questionnaire

Any Questions?