

Housing Update Report – June 2006

Housing Needs Survey – Through the Cumbria Sub Regional Housing Group a common methodology has been adopted by the councils in Cumbria for the collection of data relating to housing needs. The advantages of such an agreement is that a consistent and comparable process will be employed to gather data which will be able to help investment and planning decisions regarding housing across the County. During April/May this methodology has been used in a combined Housing Needs Survey within Carlisle, Allerdale, Copeland and Eden. The data will be formatted and assessed during the summer with a view to being able in the early autumn.

Enabling Officer – Within the Strategy section of the Housing Service the post of Enabling Officer has been extended until March 2007 and is subject to review for the lifetime of the Carlisle Housing Strategy to 2010. This post has been an important link with Parish Councils during the past two years.

Sub Regional Housing Strategy – This is a high level Housing Strategy covering the whole of Cumbria County. It has been developed through the Cumbria Sub Regional Housing Group (CSRHG). The document is in draft form currently and subject to consultation. It is intended that the data collected through the needs survey will be placed into the document and help identify priorities within the Strategy.

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