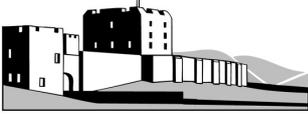


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COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 14th July 2011

Title: Cumbria Partnership Agreement Riverside - Update

Report of: Assistant Director (Community Engagement)

Report reference: CD 06/11

Summary:

This report updates members on the work under the Partnership Agreement with Riverside Carlisle Housing.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:

Input relating to the updated information provided within the report.

Recommendations:

That the content s of the report be noted.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Housing stock of Carlisle City Council was transferred to the Riverside housing group in 2002 following a ballot of tenants. Following on from the five year post stock transfer period in December 2007 Riverside Carlisle (formerly Carlisle Housing Association) and Carlisle City Council set up a Partnership Agreement under which ran an action plan covering a number of key areas of work.

2. Partnership Action Groups

- 2.1 In January the report updated members regarding the background to these groups. Whilst the previous action plan had achieved a number of objectives it was felt that a more interactive approach to dealing with issues could be put in place. The aim would be to bring together relevant officers in order to discuss joint solutions to problems and about shared issues on a regular basis.

Senior managers from both organisations sit on an overall 'Steering group' looking over the work areas of three sub groups. These are;

- The Place Group - This group covers the work areas associated with estate management and the environment)
- The Property Action Group – This group covers the work areas associated with development and investment.
- The People Action Group – This group covers the work areas associated with housing options, lettings, homelessness and vulnerability.

- 2.2 Meetings of the steering and place groups have been taking place on a regular basis. Officer meetings under the two remaining work areas are in the process of being amalgamated into the new working processes.

- 2.3 The Place Group – This area of work has been focused on initially with a number of issues that were important to both organisations being taken forward. These have included;

- Estate / Patch walks – A programme of inspection walks have been agreed and put in place including ward members and Riverside / Council staff.
- Fly tipping
- Littering / dog fouling

2.4 A number of the work areas have been and are worked on by officers as part of their roles such as liaison between homelessness officers and Riverside letting staff. However it is envisaged that this new approach will provide a more cohesive framework for these work areas to progress. Examples of this include;

- Affordable Housing
- Choice Based Lettings
- Disabled Adaptations
- Regeneration
- Supported Housing
- Supporting People
- Young People

3 Riverside Update

3.1 Further to the presentation given by the Managing Director of Riverside Carlisle to members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel in January a verbal update will be provided by Riverside staff regarding the information requested at that meeting.

Impact assessments

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	Yes	Positive
Disability	Yes	Positive
Race	Yes	Positive
Gender/ Transgender	Yes	Positive
Sexual Orientation	Yes	Positive
Religion or belief	Yes	Positive
Human Rights	Yes	Positive
Health inequalities	Yes	Positive
Rurality	Yes	Positive

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

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If an equality Impact is necessary, please contact the P&P team

