

East London Housing Partnership

Who are we?



Briefing on East London Housing Partnership working

A presentation by the East London Housing Partnership

What is sub-regional working?

5 London Housing Sub-Regions



The boroughs in the 5 sub-regions

- *South West Sub-Region: Croydon, Lambeth, Kingston-upon-Thames, Merton, Richmond, Sutton & Wandsworth*
- *North London Sub-Region: Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Islington & City of Westminster*
- *East London Sub-Region: Barking & Dagenham, City of London, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets & Waltham Forest*
- *South East Sub-Region: Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lewisham & Southwark*
- *West London Sub-Region: Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Kensington & Chelsea*

What is sub-regional working?

- established over 3 years ago
- a response to new way of allocating Housing Corporation funding for new housing
 - Funding previously on Local Authority basis
 - Move to “strategic” funding
 - Finally, move to funding on a sub-regional basis
- Therefore, initially it was to work on setting up Housing Corporation 2003/06 programme.
- But it has developed considerably.....

Current scope of work:

- Working collectively on:
 - housing strategy
 - housing delivery
 - sharing good practice
 - Promoting the sub-region

East London Sub-regional structures:

East London Partnership Board - Lead
Members of Housing, Directors &
London Councils

Partnership
Manager:
Bahram
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East London Directors Group Directors or
Assistant Directors of Housing, RSL reps x
4, Thames Gateway Chief Executive & Ass
Chief Executive & London Councils

Partnership Coordinator - Abi
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Homeless Officer - Margaret
Williams

Sub-groups

Directors
& Chairs
of Officers
Group

Affordable
Housing
Delivery
Group RSLs
X 3 & HC

Policy &
Strategy
Managers
Group –
Ad-hoc

Supporting
People
Group

Nominations
& Lettings
Managers
Group

Private
Sector
Renewal

Homeless
ness
Group

East
London
Intermedia
te Housing
Group

Our work in practice:

Programme development and delivery

- Now worked jointly to set up three housing programmes – 2003/04, 2004/06 and 2006/08
- Systems for management of sub-regional homes /nominations
- delivery of private sector grants
- Managing tight resources for Supported housing by joint VFM work and sub-regional schemes

Our work in practice:

strategy development

- Our investment requirements have been set out in investment frameworks or guidance
- Sub regions have concentrated on various key strategic areas e.g:
 - Private sector strategy
 - East London Housing Partnership Housing Strategy
 - BME strategy
- Contributed to the development of the London housing Strategy

our work in practice

Improving standards – sharing good practice

- Empty properties work
- Under-occupation initiatives
- Reciprocal arrangements between Local Authorities and RSLs for people fleeing domestic violence
- Developing information for landlords on Housing in Multiple Occupation Licensing
- Joint training, eg. on Housing Health Safety Ratings Systems

our work in practice

Putting the sub-region's views/case

- The aim is to make clear the different pressures and the different strengths, as well as the shared problems
- All sub regions lobby for investment
- Sub regional responses to Consultation papers where appropriate

our work in practice

Pan- London:

- 4s's study into Housing needs
- Gypsies & Travellers research

Sub Regional:

- BRE research
- Sub regional energy efficiency schemes
- Commissioning Choice Based Lettings

Our Added Value

- **Allocations being made sub-regionally**
- **Strategy development**
- **We can make sure the sub-region is represented** *and influence at a London and National levels*
- **Most Efficient way to facilitate and Coordinate sub region based , resource – hungry programmes** *like the Private Sector Renewal Funding, by acting sub-regionally*
- **Produced cross-authority supported housing schemes** *ethnic elders*
- **Collectively commissioning services:** *e.g. Private sector stock condition survey & National Affordable Housing Programmes (NAHP) issues*

Sub Regional Funding Streams 06/08

- **Affordable Housing Programme 06/08** - c. £300m per sub region
- **London Regional Housing Pot**
 - **Private Sector Decent Homes** - c. £6m per sub region
 - **Empty Properties** - c. 3m per sub region
 - **Extensions & Deconversions** - c. £2m per sub region
- **CLG Overcrowding projects** - £100k per sub region

Current issues & Challenges

Challenges Common to all:

- Sub-regional nominations
- Mobility
- Resources to do an ever increasing role

Our role in the London Agenda.

- A well established mechanism, together with London Councils for feeding views and information down to boroughs and for channelling feedback upwards
- Delivery of programmes & grants
- Co-ordinating efforts – e.g. drive to reduce overcrowding
- Managing projects – Gypsies & Travellers

Primary Partners & Area Covered



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