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

London Housing Strategy

North

West

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East

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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

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

Partnership Manager: Bahram Heydari

Partnership Coordinator - Abi Mebude & Partnership Homeless Officer - Margaret Williams

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

Homelessness Group

East London Intermediate Housing Group

Sub-groups
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
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
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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