

Follow Up from Housing Corporation Investment Seminar 6/11/06

Actions...	Solution / progress...
<p>Progress to quarter 2, 2006-8 Cambridgeshire sub region – completions 87 down on target. Money can move between sub regions if some are not performing. Also may affect future allocations methods if can't prove we can spend the money by the forecasts.</p>	<p>HC (John O'Mahony) will send monitoring information as it becomes available (monthly reports?) to each enabler, showing slippage HC is aware of, to help enablers work with RSLs to tackle it.</p>
<p>Actively manage programme Reserve schemes vital. Must ensure reserves meet RHS requirements. HC encourages us to build these up to provide a pipeline if schemes slip. Need to consider how we can get "early warning" to highlight any slippage in our sub region.</p>	<p>Enablers currently updating supply chains to feed into investment priority debate, but also to help build up longer term plans for delivery and include the "far away" schemes for our own information. Also seeking feedback form HC on our proposed substitution schemes in 2006-8</p>
<p>Gold Award 2007 Applications for the Gold Award 2007 were invited under two themes: environmental sustainability & empowering communities. Application deadline was 15 Dec 2006.</p>	<p>Not aware of any bids submitted – welcome thoughts from CRASH.</p>
<p>Innovation and Good Practice (IGP) grants Revenue stream, for development and testing of new ideas for 2007-9 bid round.</p>	<p>Not aware of any bids submitted – welcome thoughts form CRASH.</p>
<p>Social Homebuy Bids were invited by end of November. The Social HomeBuy pilot commenced 1st April 06. The programme is designed to provide new opportunities for housing association and local authority tenants who do not have RTB or RTA, to buy their home.</p>	<p>Not aware of any bids submitted – welcome thoughts from CRASH.</p>
<p>General feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ need to clarify themes (confusion on Growth and Local) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ RHDG currently working on this to a February deadline for 2008-10 NAHP bid round.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ need to look at BME in a different way – maybe not a separate theme but within each funding theme? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ S-R needs to consider how it wants to approach BME housing, as per RHDG notes (add here)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ HC considered SP mini bids and feedback to sub regions by end of Nov. Bids approximately equal resources available (£5m) in addition to original £11m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ No extra funding for Cambridgeshire S-R, as discussed at last CRASH. However Cambs CB has agreed on future priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Challenge - Builds on 2006-8 lessons learned, helping the system accommodate strategic sites, however this is a pilot and other requests or enquiries will not be considered until the pilot has run, once have seen if it can work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Project progressing