

TEESDALE PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

THEMATIC GROUP LEAD MEMBER REPORT FORM

THEMATIC GROUP:	DATES COVERED IN REPORT:
Housing Group Lead Member: Cllr Pauline Charlton	February to March – prepared for Executive Committee 7th April, 2008
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED THIS PERIOD:	
<p>Mark Robson, previous Lead Officer for the group has taken up a Housing Strategy role with Richmondshire District Council. Lorraine Walkden, Housing Strategy and Policy Officer for Teesdale District Council is the new Lead Officer.</p> <p>The new rent deposit scheme is being rolled out sub regionally. Teesdale have invested £3,000 into this scheme. There are hopes for a landlords' forum.</p> <p>Teesdale District Council has now updated their Housing Strategy. This aligns itself and links to the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Housing strategy was distributed to those present at the last meeting and is available to all members in 'hard copy' or disk format via Graham Pilkington / Lorraine Walkden.</p> <p>A working group has now met which includes Teesdale District Council Officers and Parish Councillors to discuss the Community Land Trust development at Cotherstone. The group are looking to use Three Rivers as the developers for the site as they have the necessary experience to undertake this project and have agreed to work under licence until the Community Land Trust is fully established.</p> <p>Teesdale District Council is to undergo a Strategic Housing Inspection. Inspectors will be on site for the week 12th to 16th May, 2008. They have completed their document request and self assessment. A briefing day will be held 7th May, 2008 with Ian Wilson, Inspector. The draft report is expected 16th June, 2008 and there is an opportunity to respond by 30th June, 2008.</p>	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT PERIOD:	
<p>The next scheduled meeting of the Housing group is 13th May, 2008 which is during the Inspection week. The partners were happy for the Inspector to join the meeting.</p> <p>The Housing Strategy and Self Assessment documents are on the Teesdale District Council website. www.teesdale.gov.uk</p> <p>Progress the Housing Action Plan,</p>	
ISSUES AND EXCEPTIONS THIS PERIOD:	

Unfortunately Lorraine Walkden could not attend the last meeting of the Housing Group held 11th March, 2008 as she attended a LAA workshop with the Partnership Chair. In view of this, some agenda items were deferred to the next meeting:

SCS - action plan

Homelessness

M. Wilson 18-3-08

Signed (Lead Member)..... **Date**.....