

ANNEX 2: REVISED ACTION PLAN 2008-09

Priority 1: Provision of affordable housing

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
1	To provide additional social rented affordable housing	195 rented homes by 1 April 2009	Yes	CHO
2	To assist people to become homeowners through new build intermediate affordable housing opportunities, including shared ownership	66 shared ownership homes by 1 April 2009	Yes	CHO

Priority 2: Tackling Homelessness

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
3	Ensure that RSL permanent vacancies continue to be let to applicants on the housing register	70% of all voids each year	Yes	HNSM
4	Prevent homelessness through targeted housing advice and intervention including: family mediation Victim support for people fleeing domestic violence Tenant sustainment for non-priority households and those in priority need	15 non-priority households per annum 20 priority need households per annum	Yes	HNSM
5	Provide housing advice to young persons through presentations at schools, social services youth workers and Connexions Service.	4 events per annum	Yes	HNSM
6	Assist households who are homeless or threatened with homelessness to secure private rented accommodation through the cash deposit scheme	35 households per annum	Yes	HNSM
7	Reduce the number of homes acceptances from 184 (2006/07) households.	25% reduction per annum	Yes	HNSM
8	Reduce the use of temporary accommodation in line with national target to 2010	10% per annum	Yes	HNSM
9	Reduce the number of households in bed and breakfast (baseline 52 cases in 2006/07)	20% reduction per annum (42 cases 2008/09)	Yes	HNSM
10	To hold regular reviews of the West Kent Homeless Strategy Action Plan to ensure targets are delivered	4 reviews per annum	Yes	HNSM/West Kent LAs

Priority 3: Private Sector Renewal and Energy Efficiency

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
11	To improve energy efficiency across the housing stock	3% per annum	Yes	PSHM
12	To bring empty homes back in to use	25 homes per annum	Yes	PSHM
13	To complete 40 housing assistance applications including: 25 Warm Homes Assistance applications 8 First Time Buyer Assistance applications 7 Decent Homes Assistance applications	40 per annum	Yes	PSHM
14	To process applications for housing assistance within 28 working days	100%	Yes	PSHM
15	To help clients improve, repair, adapt and stay in their homes	325 households per annum	Yes	PSHM
16	To process applications for Disabled Facilities Grants within 28 working days	100%	Yes	PSHM
17	To inspect HMOs to ensure compliance with relevant legislation	15 HMOs per annum	Yes	PSHM
18	To bring homes occupied by vulnerable households up to the Decent Homes standard	20 homes per annum	Yes	PSHM
19	To adopt a private sector housing enforcement policy	Complete by end June 2008	Yes	PSHM
20	To incorporate renewable technology into new build developments	Complete one development per annum	Yes	PSHM

Priority 4: Assisting Vulnerable Households

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
21	To provide greater choice for all applicants on the housing register, in line with Choice Based Lettings (CBL).	To agree options for providing greater choice in line with CBL.	Govt requirement by 2010	HNSM
22	To assist households with a special need to secure housing through the Joint Assessment & Referral Procedure	Nominate 15 households per annum to housing through the JARP	Yes	HNSM
23	To provide move-on general needs accommodation for clients who are assessed as ready to leave supported housing	Nominate 15 households per annum	Yes	HNSM

Priority 5: Addressing Crime Reduction

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
24	To ensure new affordable housing and scheme layouts are built to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur	100% of all new affordable rented housing to be built to Secured by Design standards	Yes	CHO
25	To improve the security of homes occupied by vulnerable households	100 home security checks per annum	Yes	PSHM