

ANNEX 3: INTERIM ACTION PLAN APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2009

(NB: all targets are annual unless otherwise stated)

Priority 1: Provision of affordable housing

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
1	To provide additional social rented affordable housing	118 rented homes by 30 March 2010	Yes	HS & EO
2	To assist people to become homeowners through new build intermediate affordable housing opportunities, including shared ownership	72 shared ownership homes by 30 March 2010	Yes	HS & EO

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	80 non-priority households per annum 175 priority need households per annum	Yes	HNSM
5	Assist households who are homeless or threatened with homelessness to secure private rented accommodation through the cash deposit scheme	52 households per annum	Yes	HNSM
6	Maintain the reduced level of homeless acceptances achieved in 2008-09	35 households or less during 2009-2010	Yes	HNSM
7	Reduce the use of temporary accommodation in line with national target to 2010	10% per annum	Yes	HNSM
8	Reduce the number of households in bed and breakfast (baseline 52 cases in 2006/07)	10% reduction per annum (35 cases 2009/10)	Yes	HNSM
9	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
10	To improve energy efficiency across the housing stock	3% per annum	Yes	PSHM
11	To bring empty homes back in to use	7 homes per annum	Yes	PSHM
12	To complete 89 housing assistance applications including: 50 Warm Homes Assistance applications 12 First Time Buyer Assistance applications 27 Decent Homes Assistance applications	89 per annum	Yes	PSHM
13	To process applications for housing assistance within 28 working days	100%	Yes	PSHM
14	To help clients improve, repair, adapt and stay in their homes	325 households per annum	Yes	PSHM
15	To process applications for Disabled Facilities Grants within 28 working days	100%	Yes	PSHM
16	To inspect HMOs to ensure compliance with relevant legislation	15 HMOs per annum	Yes	PSHM
17	To bring homes occupied by vulnerable households up to the Decent Homes standard	37 homes per annum	Yes	PSHM

Priority 4: Assisting Vulnerable Households

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
18	To assist households with a special need to secure housing	Evaluate the Single Agency Assessment procedure as a potential alternative to JARP	Yes	HNSM

Priority 5: Addressing Crime Reduction

No	Objective	Target	Corporate Priority	Lead Officer
19	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	HS & EO
20	To improve the security of homes occupied by vulnerable households	Home security checks per annum TBC. (NB: The Homesafe funding that provided these checks has been withdrawn. The new Handyperson Scheme will be able to pick up some of these checks, but the exact extent is currently the subject of discussion).	Yes	PSHM