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SUBJECT:	Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan	REF: IB
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members endorse the publication of the Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan;
- 1.2 That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Committee Chair, be authorised to agree any necessary changes at the Derby Joint Advisory Board to enable submission to the Homes and Communities Agency

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To endorse the publication of a Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan for submission to the Homes and Communities Agency.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 In December 2008, the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) was created, absorbing the former Housing Corporation and English Partnerships and inheriting a number of other Government funding streams. The HCA's main role is to provide a single joined-up Government agency for supporting local delivery of housing, growth and regeneration.
- 3.2 In determining how to allocate its resources, the HCA advises that local priorities should be set out in a strategic document known as the Local Investment Plan ("LIP"). In many parts of the country the HCA has been working on LIPs with groupings of local authorities based around Housing Market Areas (HMAs). South Derbyshire sits within the Derby HMA along with Amber Valley, Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils.

- 3.3 Local Investment Plans are intended to describe the economic role of local areas and identify barriers to achieving local sustainable growth. In doing so, they consider key opportunities and problems in local areas such as affordable housing need, transport, derelict land and the achievement of decent homes standards.
- 3.4 LIPs therefore bring together an overview of local priorities and provide a firm basis for local authorities to seek external support and funding both from the HCA and other sources.
- 3.5 Whilst this process started in 2009, the Coalition Government have indicated that work on LIPs should continue where this is supported by local authorities. Members will know that South Derbyshire is represented in the HMA at the Joint Advisory Board which has considered this matter and recommended that this work should proceed.
- 3.6 A draft LIP has therefore been prepared by the Derby HMA Growth Point Co-ordinator in consultation with local authorities. It can be viewed via the following link; <http://cmis.south-derbys.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=1396>
- 3.7 The draft LIP identifies existing priorities for development and regeneration across the HMA and focuses on the following five thematic priorities.

Thematic priority	Summary objectives
Supply	Increasing delivery and choice of housing both through new-build and making best use of the existing stock
Quality	Improving condition and energy efficiency of the existing housing stock
Inclusion	Ensuring housing access and choice for disadvantaged and minority households, including those with special housing needs. Tackling homelessness and worklessness
Neighbourhoods and Settlements	Ensuring housing growth is co-ordinated with economic growth and the supporting infrastructure, leisure, retail and public realm development
Plan support	Ensuring the Plan delivery and governance is resourced adequately

- 3.8 At this stage, the LIP does not attempt to prioritise between different schemes or funding priorities. Instead, it identifies those schemes and investment opportunities that may become key priorities as Local Development Frameworks (“LDFs”) emerge, including investment in Swadlincote Town Centre, regeneration in Woodville, traffic concerns in Woodville and Swarkestone, rural affordable housing, leisure/culture and secondary school provision.
- 3.9 Although the draft LIP is based on the HMA’s current priorities, it has been drawn up in a period of substantial uncertainty regarding the longer term strategic planning context and the level of resources that may be available to support delivery. This has been acknowledged by the HCA and so it has been agreed that an early review should be carried out in 2011. This will enable a refreshed LIP to take on board any new priorities emerging through the LDF and, for example, from the work of the new Local Enterprise Partnership.
- 3.10 It is therefore being recommended that the draft LIP be endorsed and that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Committee Chair, be authorised to agree any

necessary final changes at the Joint Advisory Board to enable the IIP to be submitted to the HCA.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The LIP, in supporting growth objectives will assist in the achievement of key corporate objectives under the theme Sustainable Growth & Opportunity.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The LIP will assist in attracting external support and funding for a range of growth and development objectives and help achieve healthier, safer, vibrant and sustainable communities in South Derbyshire.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Draft Derby HMA Local Investment Plan.