

## **Housing Strategic Partnership**

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A decision was taken at Executive on 31st October to consult on the development of a new 'Integrated Housing Partnership'. It is proposed to replace both the Housing Strategic Partnership and the Housing Management Board\* with one Strategic Housing Forum.

Consultation will begin in December and will seek views from key stakeholders on how they would like to be engaged and participate in discussions on the strategic direction for housing in the borough.

The aim of the review is to ensure that we provide direction across all tenures and involve the range of stakeholders needed to achieve this. Too often in the past the discussions have focussed on issues relating to the social rented sector.

The terms of reference and membership of the current Housing Strategic Partnership would be reviewed and amended as necessary to ensure the delivery of effective and inclusive partnership arrangements.

The remit of the group is likely to include the setting of strategic direction and co-ordinating the activities of all sectors and agencies involved in the housing field in the borough. It will also provide a forum for the sharing of information and best practice.

Particular consideration will be given to ensuring service user involvement, which has been a weakness in the past. The need for supporting sub groups will also be looked at.

Once consultation is completed, proposals will be presented back to the Executive in March.

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\* Housing Management Board comprises fourteen residents and eight councillors. It was originally formed as the potential predecessor to an ALMO board in 2000.