

Appendix 6 – Housing Strategy 2003 - 07 achievements

Objectives	Key Achievements
<p>1 To ensure the borough is able to increase the volume of affordable housing available to those in housing need. Providing within affordable housing developments sufficient supported housing for vulnerable clients.</p>	<p>636 affordable homes delivered Housing Needs Survey carried out in 2004-2005</p> <p>22 rural housing needs surveys completed</p> <p>Achieved target of 10% of homes for locally defined key workers in line with Ashford Borough Council policy</p> <p>50% of shared ownership homes developed without Housing Corporation grant 2005-2006</p>
<p>2 To work with Registered Social Landlords to provide a balanced community meeting the range of housing and support needs identified as Ashford grows.</p>	<p>Review of RSL partnership completed 2004, two new RSL partners added</p> <p>Older Persons Accommodation Strategy produced 2004</p> <p>Developed the Homebridge recuperative care facility at Farrow Court in 2004</p> <p>Established an RSL Management Forum during 2005</p>
<p>3 To work towards ensuring those communities within the borough become and remain sustainable communities.</p>	<p>Award winning diversity pack developed by Tenant's Forum 2005 Regeneration of Stanhope through a Private Finance Initiative began 2007</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour policy developed 2006</p> <p>Two Area Action Plans developed with local residents</p>
<p>4 To ensure the housing stock in the borough is maintained to an appropriate condition.</p> <p>Council housing stock is required to meet the Decent Homes Standard.</p> <p>We will enable the private sector where ever possible, and within our available resource, to maintain their homes to a high standard.</p>	<p>Decent Homes Standard achieved in council owned stock 2004</p> <p>Private Sector Renewal Policy developed 2005</p>
<p>5 The council dedicates itself to providing an excellent housing service in the public sector.</p>	<p>Stanhope PFI agreement signed</p> <p>'Reach for the Stars' programme to move the service to 3 star standards</p>