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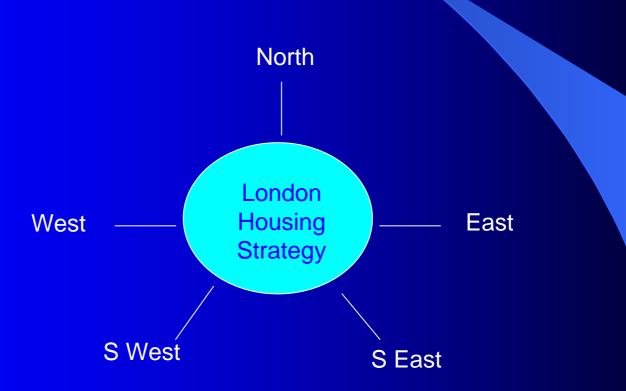


# Briefing on East London Housing Partnership working

A presentation by the East London Housing Partnership

# What is sub-regional working?

### **5 London Housing Sub-Regions**



# The boroughs in the 5 subregions

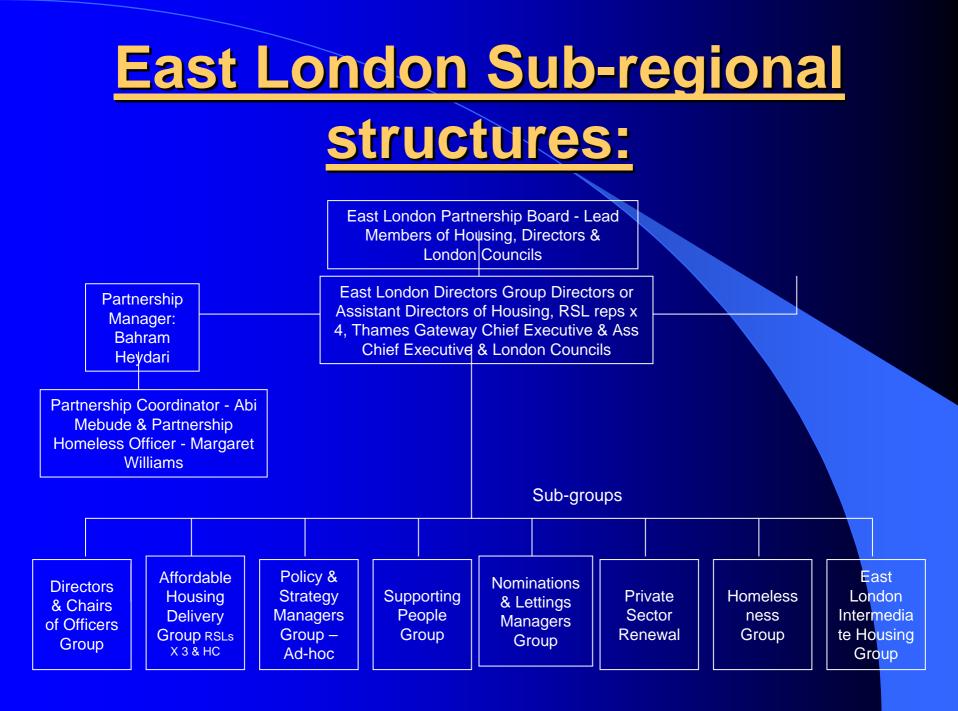
- South West Sub-Region: Croydon, Lambeth, Kingstonupon-Thames, Merton, Richmond, Sutton & Wandsworth
- North London Sub-Region: Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Haringey, Islington & City of Westminster
- East London Sub-Region: Barking & Dagenham, City of London, Hackney, Havering, Newham, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets & Waltham Forest
- South East Sub-Region: Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich, Lewisham & Southwark
- West London Sub-Region:g Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Kensington & Chelsea

# What is sub-regional working?

- established over 3 years ago
- a response to new way of allocating Housing Corporation funding for new housing
  - Funding previously on Local Authority basis
  - Move to "strategic" funding
  - Finally, move to funding on a sub-regional basis
- Therefore, initially it was to work on setting up Housing Corporation 2003/06 programme.
- But it has developed considerably.......

## Current scope of work:

- Working collectively on:
  - housing strategy
  - housing delivery
  - sharing good practice
  - Promoting the sub-region



Our work in practice:

# Programme development and delivery

- Now worked jointly to set up three housing programmes – 2003/04, 2004/06 and 2006/08
- Systems for management of sub-regional homes /nominations
- delivery of private sector grants
- Managing tight resources for Supported housing by joint VFM work and sub-regional schemes

#### Our work in practice:

# strategy development

- Our investment requirements have been set out in investment frameworks or guidance
- Sub regions have concentrated on various key strategic areas e.g:
  - Private sector strategy
  - East London Housing Partnership Housing Strategy
  - BME strategy
- Contributed to the development of the London housing Strategy

our work in practice

# <u>Improving standards – sharing</u> good practice

- Empty properties work
- Under-occupation initiatives
- Reciprocal arrangements between Local Authorities and RSLs for people fleeing domestic violence
- Developing information for landlords on Housing in Multiple Occupation Licensing
- Joint training, eg. on Housing Health Safety Ratings Systems

our work in practice

# Putting the sub-region's views/case

- The aim is to make clear the different pressures and the different strengths, as well as the shared problems
- All sub regions lobby for investment
- Sub regional responses to Consultation papers where appropriate

#### our work in practice

### **Pan-London:**

- 4s's study into Housing needs
- Gypsies &Travellers research
  Sub Regional:
- BRE research
- Sub regional energy efficiency schemes
- Commissioning Choice Based Lettings

### **Our Added Value**

- Allocations being made sub-regionally
- Strategy development
- We can make sure the sub-region is represented and influence at a London and National levels
- Most Efficient way to facilitate and Coordinate sub region based, resource – hungry programmes like the Private Sector Renewal Funding, by acting sub-regionally
- Produced cross-authority supported housing schemes ethnic elders
- Collectively commissioning services: e.g. Private sector stock condition survey & National Affordable Housing Programmes (NAHP) issues

# Sub Regional Funding Streams 06/08

- Affordable Housing Programme 06/08 c. £300m per sub region
- London Regional Housing Pot
  - Private Sector Decent Homes c. £6m per sub region
  - Empty Properties c. 3m per sub region
  - Extensions & Deconversions c. £2m per sub region
- CLG Overcrowding projects £100k per sub region

# **Current issues & Challenges**

Challenges Common to all:

• Sub-regional nominations

• Mobility

• Resources to do an ever increasing role

### Our role in the London Agenda.

- A well established mechanism, together with London Councils for feeding views and information down to boroughs and for channelling feedback upwards
- Delivery of programmes & grants
- Co-ordinating efforts e.g. drive to reduce overcrowding
- Managing projects Gypsies & Travellers

# Primary Partners & Area Covered



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