

Focusing on providing the knowledge base and tools to ensure housing policy is at the heart of transformational change in the North.



Homes &
Communities
Agency

HCA

We are working with the new agency to maximise both resources and policy mechanisms available to the North.

Land

We completed an interim report for our IGP funded project, exploring ways in which we can facilitate more land coming on-stream to develop affordable housing. The final Land Assembly Manual is due in Spring 2009.

We delivered a briefing paper on the Brownfield Land Skills strategy which we hope will assist Members in land assembly approaches.

Home Ownership Network

We are working with the Home Ownership Network to explore further areas of activity with them. Members value the technical, practical based support the Consortium provides.

Eco Towns

We submitted a response to the 'Eco Towns – Living a Greener Future' consultation paper. We continue to make the point that Eco Towns focusing on new build do not address the significant attention the North needs to be giving to current stock and environmental challenges.

Supply of Rented Housing – CLG Select Committee

We provided evidence to the Select Committee on the recommendations laid out in its report on the Supply of Rented Housing. We were delighted by the level of acknowledgement given to the Consortium's evidence on behalf of the North.

Housing Market Analysis

We produced our quarterly housing market analysis reports for each of the three Northern Regions. These reports provide a useful overview of market activity across the North and supplement Members' ongoing work at the Strategic Housing Market Assessment level.

Rugg Review

We gave evidence to the Rugg Review on the Private Rented Sector, which has been crucial to the understanding of the PRS market in the North.

Quality of Place Forum/Regional Housing Forum

We actively engage in these fora within the regions bringing together a wide spectrum of deliverers and strategic agencies.