

# Housing Strategy Consultation Event 6 October 2006



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the above event and those who took the time to come along, provide your views and engage with us about strategic housing issues in Gateshead.

This consultation will help to inform the new Housing Strategy which will be available early 2007.

We provided a variety of displays at our event which covered issues including the History of Housing in Gateshead; decent homes involvement, Bridging NewcastleGateshead; Supporting People; Private Sector Housing and Supported Housing. Providing each Regional Housing Strategy Objective around the room we asked stakeholders to identify priorities for Gateshead under each heading. The feedback received is shown overleaf.



**Objective 1:** *To rejuvenate the housing stock to meet 21st century aspirations, replacing housing market failure with high quality housing in the right locations to help create successful, cohesive and sustainable communities.*

**You told us that in Gateshead we needed:**

- Affordable housing
- Tenure mix and diversification
- Good design
- Eco homes and lifetime homes



**Objective 2:** *To ensure the type and mix of new housing provides choice, supports economic growth and meets housing needs and demand. This will reflect the diversity of urban and rural communities and the needs for affordable, family and prestige housing*

**You told us that in Gateshead we needed:**

- Executive homes
- Flexible/mixed tenure development
- More affordable housing
- Investment into Gateshead's rural areas



**Objective 3:** *To secure the improvement and maintenance of existing housing so that it meets required standards, investing in sustainable neighbourhoods*

**You told us that in Gateshead we needed:**

- To re-model existing housing to meet people's aspirations
- To ensure home owners receive adequate support to invest in and maintain their own homes
- To improve existing design and layout of neighbourhoods and improve available facilities.
- To improve security and environmental factors to reduce fear of crime.



**Objective 4:** *To promote good management and targeted housing investment to address specific community needs, including an ageing population and the needs of minority communities; this will be integrated with the Supporting People programme and promote greater community involvement*

**You told us that in Gateshead we needed:-**

- More 2 bedroom bungalows
- More supported housing for people with specialist needs
- Accommodation that meets the needs of disabled households
- More suitable accommodation for vulnerable households
- Accommodation tailored to the specific needs of BME communities



## HOUSING VISION



We received a number of suggestions for a new 'housing vision'. Here are a number of those suggestions:

- Good housing to suit all pockets and life stages, safe and strong communities.
- Increased economic prosperity, leading to attractive neighbourhoods and population retention.
- A place where more and more people want to live.
- Provision of decent affordable homes in safe neighbourhoods.
- Inclusive and safe Gateshead
- High quality affordable and executive housing, to meet everyone's aspirations, in

### What happens next?

All consultation feedback will be collated to consider common themes. Appropriate information will be used to inform the Housing Strategy document which will be provided in draft form to the Housing Partnership Forum to gain final agreement.

