



Homes &  
Communities  
Agency

# Role of the HCA in 2010

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# How can the HCA help you?

# The Agency



- New Agency – December 2008
- Biggest development and regeneration agency in Europe
- 9 English regions
- Nearly 1,000 staff
- Annual budget of over £5bn
- 50,000 new homes per year



English Partnerships and ATLAS

Housing Corporation

New Towns (MK)

Academy for Sustainable Communities

DCLG Programmes (eg Decent Homes)

# The HCA

- Growth funding & CIF
- Affordability NAHP
- Renewal: decent homes, PFI, regeneration
- Investment / grant
- Land
- Expertise



# Statutory Objectives



The Homes and Communities Agency was created by the *Housing and Regeneration Act 2008* to:

- Improve the **supply and quality** of housing in England;
- Secure the regeneration or development of land or infrastructure in England;
- Support in other ways the creation, regeneration or development of communities in England or their continued well-being; and
- **Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and good design** in England, with a view to meeting the needs of people living in England.

# Our vision



To create opportunity:

- For people to live in homes they can afford in places they want to live
- For local authorities and communities to deliver the ambition they have for their own areas
- A national agency that works locally...

# Outcomes

- Creating homes & communities
- Achieving local ambitions
- Great design, great places



# Strategy

## National

- Place Shaping/Making
- Single Conversation

## London

- Quality of Life
- No “Homes for Hobbits”



# Programmes and Initiatives



## Funding Programmes

- Social Housing Energy Savings Programme (SHESP)
- Low Carbon Infrastructure Fund
- Decent Homes
- Carbon Challenge
- Ecotowns / Eco-suburbs, etc

## Initiatives

- Design Standards
- Design and Sustainable Development Strategy

# Key Issues

## of Relevance to GHA Members

- Design Standards (April 2011)
- Design and Sustainable Development Strategy
  
- Learning Lessons from
  - Low Carbon Infrastructure
  - Carbon Challenge
  
- New Investment Tools

# Foresighting for 2010



- Public Funding - reduced
- Public Land
- Increasing Pressure to reduce carbon
- Innovation in Funding / Investment

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