



Homes &
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Agency

LOCAL AUTHORITY LEADERS

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**THE HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY: TAKING FORWARD
LOCAL INVESTMENT PLANS**

As you know, the Government is determined to decentralise and put power in the hands of local people and communities. That drive applies to everything we do, including housing and regeneration.

Over the coming months the Homes and Communities Agency will be re-shaped to play its part in delivering this policy. Even more so than before, it will become a body that helps to get things done under local leadership.

We will give you more details about the changes later this summer. But in the meantime we wanted to write to you to set out how we will take immediate steps to ensure that the future approach to the development of Local Investment Plans reflects our commitment to localism.

Since the HCA was established, it has worked with local authorities to develop Local Investment Plans which support the delivery of local priorities for housing and regeneration (in London there are different arrangements with Borough Investment Plans being signed off by the Mayor).

In the first year of operation some 24 Plans were signed and work is now progressing across all local authorities with the aim, where appropriate, of concluding this process by the end of March 2011.