

The HCA has published an interim evaluation of the process that highlights the value it is adding to the delivery of local priorities. Nevertheless, we recognise that there are many competing pressures on the time and resources of local authorities and it therefore only makes sense to complete this process where it is mutually beneficial to both parties.

Indeed, whilst many authorities have seen the benefits of establishing shared investment plans, there may be some where the work involved is felt to outweigh the benefits. We recognise that the circumstances for individual local authorities will vary considerably. The decision whether to continue with the production of Local Investment Plans is properly a matter for each local authority or group of authorities to determine. To put it simply, the HCA only wishes to be included if your Local Authority considers it to be to your local advantage.

If you have any queries about Local Investment Plans or wish to review your position in the light of this letter, please contact your local HCA Director (contact details are annexed to this letter). In the meantime, the HCA has reviewed its guidance to simplify the process and make it more responsive to local needs.

A copy of this letter has gone to your Chief Executive.

Yours sincerely



**The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP  
Minister for Housing  
and Local Government**



**Sir Bob Kerlake  
Chief Executive  
HCA**