Walsall Council Scrutiny and Performance Panel Work Group Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Access to Housing
Panel:	HSCI and Regeneration
Municipal Year:	2007/08
Lead Member:	Cllr Oliver
Lead Officer:	Sue Byard
Support Officer:	Colin Teasdale
Membership:	tbc

1.	**Context**
	Why has this work group been set up? Consider the main drivers behind it To research the current situation of demand, access and affordability of housing.
2.	**Objectives**
	What do you want it to achieve? It is important to have clearly defined outcomes at the start to give the working group direction and ensure it adds value. To analyse and make recommendations on the housing issues within the context of the regeneration of the borough.
3.	**Scope**
	What should be included and excluded? Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) Overview of regional and sub-regional work and funding streams Provision of new housing- SPD etc. Access to existing housing and tenures NRA
4.	**Who else will you want to take part?**
	Think about who else, other than lead officers and members, it would be useful to include either as part of the working group or to bring information at specific points. For example- partners, stakeholders, other authorities. To include appropriate partners, including on a 'one-off' basis (such Shelter, Housing Corporation, Walsall RSLS, WRC.)

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5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule
	Needs to be completed within the same municipal year and so should be able to report to full panel by the last meeting at the latest but consider the subject- is there anything else that it may need to tie into (e.g. academic or financial year or to coincide with national/sub-regional developments) How often will update be provided to full panel? To report back to last panel of the year on 20 March 2008, schedule to be arranged once membership is confirmed.
6.	Risk factors
	Are there any obstacles that can be predicted? For example, is it dependent on other organisations outside your control and duty to co-operate. Identifying these factors early should help minimise their impact. N/A

Date Agreed:		Date Updated:	

Timetable: to be inserted once agreed