

## 2003 TARGETS:

CURRENT 2003 TARGET	REVISION
<b>Help local people, particularly those living in disadvantaged areas, develop confident communities, with decent housing, good local facilities and high quality environment, which is non-threatening and free from crime</b>	
<i>Communities First</i> – community-led action to improve our most deprived communities	
A reduction in the proportion of people who feel very worried about safety on the streets to below the 1998 figure of 11%, by supporting local Crime and Disorder Partnerships, the Crime Reduction Programme and other community development strategies.	
A reduction in the temptation for young people to engage in anti-social behaviour by using the £25 million Children and Youth Partnership Fund to provide constructive activities	
To reduce the number of occupied houses in serious disrepair to less than 4% of the stock, by 2002, and to extend the Care and Repair scheme to all parts of Wales.	No revision needed, but note that Care and Repair Scheme now operating in all parts of Wales

To use more private funding to improve poor quality housing estates; for all new social housing to be of good quality, with high standards of safety and energy efficiency and located in attractive, non-threatening environments designed to reduce crime.

No revision needed as far as H&CR Division is concerned but a revision may be required as consequence of LGH policy review on stock transfer

The proportion of vacant social housing to be cut to less than 3%, the number of homeless families living in temporary housing to be below 500 and the need for rough sleeping to be eliminated

No revision needed as far as H&CR Division is concerned, homelessness and rough sleeping on target. Vacant housing is a HPF Division issue.

30,000 "fuel poor" households, receiving income or disability benefits, to be covered by the new Home Energy Efficiency scheme

38,000 will now be covered.

### **Deliver value for money for the people of Wales, with better and more efficient services**

To improve the accountability, responsiveness and decision-making of local councils, by working with the Welsh Local Government Association on the development of new political management arrangements, by April 2001

Objective remains valid but will be presented as a "Local Government Bill" covering all the aspects of modernising local government which the Assembly will be implementing under the Local Government Act 2000

To develop, and put in place by April 2001, the first Policy Agreement between the Assembly and all local authorities, within a national framework developed in partnership with the Welsh Local Government Association: the Agreements to focus on the specific and measurable improvements required to achieve shared policy objectives

50% of local authority services to have been subject to best value reviews with best value inspections demonstrating improvements in the standards of services. No local authority directly provided services to run at a deficit, by March 2002

A fairer formula for distributing revenue support grant to local authorities, from April 2001

**Streamline our work and give far greater weight to the needs and views of our partners and the public, including under represented groups**

The role of the Commission for Local Administration in Wales to be extended to include that of a Housing Ombudsman for registered social landlords and a Standards Board for local government, by 2001

The Standards Board role has been added but we need to find another Bill to cover the Housing Ombudsman point. It remains an objective.

Better co-ordination of local services by working with the Welsh Local Government Association to agree a framework for community planning (compatible with their Local Agenda 21 strategies, by April 2001, with a review being completed, within the same timescale, of the requirement on councils to produce plans

## 2010 BENCHMARKS:

### CURRENT BENCHMARKS

### REVISION

The quality of life in our most disadvantaged communities, as judged by their residents, must have improved sharply. Most communities across Wales should have worked out what they want, and many more people should be taking action in their communities to meet those needs.

High-quality social housing must be readily available for those who cannot afford to buy. A flourishing private rented sector should enhance choice and labour mobility, but must be effectively regulated to prevent serious risk to health and safety. The need for people to sleep rough must have been eliminated. There should be better leisure facilities for children and young people, particularly in our most deprived communities. Access to the benefits of up to date information and communications technologies and systems must be available to all. People must feel safer on the streets and in their homes.

We should have a local government that has adopted the most modern management practices, gives the highest priorities to the principles of best value, has simple and transparent decision-making structures and engages closely with local communities and businesses. Councils must enforce stringently compliance with codes of conduct and the number of complaints upheld independently by the Commission for Local Administration in Wales will have fallen significantly.