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Wales – cross sector partnership working

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RSLs and local government - an equal relationship?





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RSLs and local government

- its official we have stopped hating each other!
- Complimentary roles to play
- Lack of affordable housing to rent and buy
- under investment in social housing (you know the figures despite recent increases in SHG)
- rising levels of homelessness and deepening poverty in areas
- critical problems of repair in the private sector
- ditto the public sector



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The wicked issues

- The strategic housing challenge in Wales
- developing new affordable housing to rent and to buy (section 106 agreements and homebuy)
- Central Wales plus
- developing housing for specific needs – e.g extra care schemes, refugees, drug and alcohol misuse
- leasing schemes and property management to provide temporary accommodation for homelessness households
- access to social housing to rent through nomination schemes
- empty homes strategies



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Future challenges

- Joint working to ensure sufficient investment is available to ensure social housing meets WHQS by 2012
- Build new relationships and ways of working with those authorities who transfer their stock.
- Assembly please get ready for this!
- Collaboration between RSLs through consortia and regional collaboration forums of the WLGA
- Connecting south east Wales
- join up housing investment through RSLs with the strategic leadership role of LAs to deliver for communities.



Conclusions 1

- Real change on the horizon
- Selective importation of the English agenda
- Get collaboration right and the maps might not come out get it wrong and they will
- For LG generational change occurring members and officers
- Less tolerance of failure
- More emphasis on excellence
- More powers for local government but less resources?
- Greater citizen expectations
- Real opportunities for deeper partnerships



Conclusions

- **“The future so bright you’ve got to wear shades”?**

Timbuk 3

- **“The futures uncertain and the end is always near”**

Jim Morrison and the Doors – Roadhouse Blues

- **“You don’t need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows”**

Bob Dylan – Subterranean Homesick Blues



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Thank you for listening -

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