

**KEY DECISION**

Proposed to be made by  
the Executive/Cabinet on  
**2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2011**

<p><b>LEAD MEMBER/ PORTFOLIO HOLDER</b> Councillor Peter Whittaker</p>	<p><b>ITEM</b> Worcestershire 'Single Conversation' and Local Investment Plan.</p>	<p><b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>  <b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>DOCUMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE DECISION TAKER</b> 'Report of the Head of Community Services'</p> <p><b>REPORT AUTHOR</b> Head of Strategic Housing</p>	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) aims to connect local ambition with national targets by engaging local authorities in a 'single conversation' on all aspects of housing and regeneration. The Single Conversation is the way in which the HCA agrees and secures delivery at the local level in support of national objectives. The term 'Single' Conversation refers to its comprehensive coverage including the full range of housing, infrastructure, regeneration and community activities. It draws on the priorities for a local area as set out in key local plans and is an ongoing, evolving and dynamic process.</p> <p>In order to deliver the agreed vision for an area, the Single Conversation will be supported by a Local Investment Plan (LIP) for the place. The LIP will identify the needs to be addressed, based on robust evidence from local strategies, including the Sustainable Communities Strategy, Local Development Framework and the Local Economic Assessment (from April 2010).</p>	<p><b>REASONS FOR BEING ON THE FORWARD PLAN</b></p> <p>Affects two or more wards within the District</p>

<b>CONSULTATION DETAILS</b>	<b>Method of Consultation</b>	<b>Consultation period or dates</b>
<p><b>Stakeholders</b>  District Councils  County Council  Supporting People  RSL's  Homes and Communities  Agency  GOWM</p>	<p>The LIP is being developed in consultation with partners through a series of working groups that have been set up to facilitate the process  The North Worcestershire Delivery Group,  The North Worcestershire LIP Group  Worcestershire Place Shaping Group to be Chaired by Kevin Dicks.</p> <p>Consultation upon the draft plan will be carried out in late 2010 into early 2011.</p>	<p>Ongoing since September 2009.</p>

**DECISION TO BE MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**  
All district and Borough Councils within Worcestershire.