



Good Practice

Objective

<p>Strategic Housing Officer role (cross partnership role)</p>	<p>The main purpose is to undertake a strategic role across the Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH) partnership and work with officers to increase affordable housing delivery in rural Hampshire.</p>
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Detail

The post was established as a part time officer for the [HARAH](#) partnership in November 2008, with Beacon Council funding from East Hampshire District Council. When this funding ended, the post was brought into HARAH mainstream partner funding

Responsibilities include:

- Providing a link between the officers and Members Board
- Increase awareness and training on rural affordable housing
- Improve land supply by working with the public and private sector
- Be responsible for the publicity and promotion of HARAH
- Ensure up-to-date and consistent policies
- Ensure rural housing issues are addressed through the community planning process
- Introduce formal performance monitoring arrangements
- Monitor delivery and ensure business plan targets are met
- Co-ordinate consultation responses on behalf of HARAH
- Provide mentoring to other rural partnerships

Increased capacity across local authorities in Hampshire (members of HARAHA).

The establishment of the post has enabled other HARAHA officers to focus on delivery of rural affordable housing.

A Business Plan and Communications Strategy have been agreed, action points monitored and targets achieved.

Good practice can be more easily shared and consistent approaches to issues maintained.

The HARAHA website is kept up to date with news stories and information items and regular newsletters have been circulated.

HARAHA's profile has been raised within rural communities and other organisations working in rural areas.

Update – 2012 New funding agreements were made as updated above

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