What are we doing?
The Local Authority Perspective

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Birmingham Context

- Increasing levels of repossessions
- Slow-down in housing completions
- Stagnant housing market
- But – continuing demand for housing and for regeneration

Local Authority Role

- Provide leadership
- Deliver investment to stimulate market and retain capacity
- Assistance and practical help

Leadership

- Community Strategy & LAA – clear focus
- Well developed Strategic Housing Function – providing direction and leadership
- Partners signed-up to vision – common purpose
- Members Forum – elected members steering our response

Deliver Investment

- Taking the opportunity presented by creation of Homes and Communities Agency to develop joint delivery plans
- Business Transformation: Housing Futures Team
- Market conditions are favourable for affordable housing development

Deliver Investment 2

- Major transformational schemes – revitalising neighbourhoods, stimulating the housing market and creating jobs.

- Urban Living – refocusing programme to support housing market

Assistance and Practical Help

- Mortgage rescue schemes
- Working with RSL partners to acquire unsold open-market dwellings
- Providing money, benefit and debt advice
- Affordable warmth programmes