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Name of consortium:	<u>Merseyside Together</u>		

Background

Please tell us why your proposed consortium came together and when you plan to be operational:

The consortium members: North West Housing Services, Ex-Cell Solutions, Co-operative and Mutual Solutions, JLTraining and De Paul UK visited Bristol Together and decided to work together to explore the potential for a similar scheme in Merseyside. The experience of working to resettle offenders and ex-offenders (particularly focussing on employment and skills) together with knowledge/expertise in housing purchase and management was felt to be a very useful combination. Initial exploration by our consortium suggested that houses could be kept as homes (and rented) rather than sold on.

We plan to be operational in April 2014.

Objective

What does your consortium aim to achieve and deliver when it is operational?

What stakeholder groups will benefit from your consortium's offer?

Once the Merseyside Together consortium is up and running, we propose to undertake the following:

1. Purchase/or seek stock transfer houses/empty homes in Liverpool for the purposes of renovation
2. Offer ex-offenders temporary (6 months) employment and training with a known contractor to North West Housing Services
3. Provide support to the relevant ex-offenders to ensure that s/he can source the help s/he needs
4. Liaise with other providers of housing: Housing Associations to explore apprenticeships within those which have a Direct Labour Organisation

Ex-offenders being released from Liverpool prison or returning to the area will be the target constituency.

Partners

What areas do your consortium partners cover?

North West Housing Services Ltd: financial management, costing and pricing, links with housing co-operatives and Registered Social Landlords

Ex-Cell Solutions Limited: Key worker support for ex-offenders

Co-operative and Mutual Solutions Limited: specialist legal and co-operative raising share capital through community share issues, business start-up advice to ex-offenders



National Offender Management Service



European Union
European Social Fund
Investing in jobs and skills

De Paul UK: Key worker support for ex-offenders

JLTraining: embedded learning and job brokerage