

Agenda Item No: 2.4

Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation

To: Housing and Communities Committee

Meeting Date: 14 November 2022

Public report: No

Lead Member: Councillor Lewis Herbert, Lead Member for Housing and Communities

From: Roger Thompson, Director of Housing and Development

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: N/A

Recommendations: The Housing and Communities Committee is recommended to:

A. Note the Report and the change to tenure mix with Places For People on the scheme at Middlemoor Road, Ramsey and the change to the delivery partner with Sage on the scheme at Wisbech Road, March.

Voting arrangements: No vote required

1. Purpose

1.1 This report is to update Housing Committee members on the progress of affordable housing programme

2. CPCA Programme April 2017 to March 2022

2.1. The Combined Authority's Affordable Housing programme ran until 31 March 2022 (schemes having to be started on site by that date).

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME DELIVERY

- 2.2. 499 homes have now completed, this is an increase of 18 units since the last report. See schedule of schemes up to 31st March 2021 in Appendix 1 and to 31st March 2022 in Appendix 2
- 2.3. The affordable housing unit numbers being delivered was 1,451 units
- 2.4. The average grant rate per affordable housing unit is appx £38,700.
- 2.5. As previously reported to committee, we have been notified that although the scheme at Bretton Court in Peterborough comprising of 45 units had started on site with stripping out, the scheme will not be proceeding. The grant reserved was £1,687,500. In addition to the 6 unit scheme at Wisbech High St approved at the last Housing Committee meeting, a replacement scheme for the substitution of the balance of the grant value is being presented to committee today. If approved, the total number of units being delivered through the programme will increase by a net total of 6 units to 1457 units.
- 2.6 For committee's awareness, since our last meeting we have been notified by Places for People that in their scheme of 11units at Middlemoor Road, St Marys, Ramsey that 2 of the units are changing affordable tenure from social rent to affordable rent. This is as a result of their original contractor ceasing trading and them having to source a new contractor at a greater cost.
- 2.7. For committee's awareness, since our last meeting we have been notified that the Scheme in the 21/22 programme with Sage at Wisbech Road March is being delivered by Sage Shared Ownership Ltd rather than Sage Housing Ltd. There are no other variations or impacts on the scheme as approved by committee.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no additional financial implications. The return of the loan monies from the 5 loans in the housing programme are being recycled into providing the grants in the grant funded schemes. The progress of the loan recovery is reported to Housing committee in a separate paper, but we can confirm that 2 of the 5 loans have now been fully re-paid with interest.

- 4. Legal Implications
- 4.1 There are no new legal implications.
- 5. Public Health implications
- 5.1 There are no additional public health implications
- 6. Environmental and Climate Change Implications
- 6.1 There are no additional environmental or climate change implications
- 7. Other Significant Implications
- 7.1 None.
- 8. Appendices
- 8.1 Appendix 1 Affordable Housing Programme Approved and Started on Site Schemes period to March 2021.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 Affordable Housing Programme Approved and Started on Site Schemes period April 2021 to March 2022.