



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

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Appendix 1

£100million Affordable Housing Programme - Summary of Communications with Members

In order to help to clarify what information was supplied and when to committee members, listed below is the chronology of the supply of information.

13th January 2020 reported to Committee;

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9th March 2020 reported to Committee;

2.5. As part of monitoring arrangements for the Devolution Deal, Government undertakes an annual review of progress with representatives from the Combined Authority, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The first meeting for the yr 2019/20 Annual Review took place in September, following which additional information has been provided and a follow up meeting took place in early February.

27th April 2020 reported to Committee;

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22nd June 2020 reported to Committee;

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place in early February following which more information was provided in March. A payment of £17m of devolution deal monies has subsequently been made direct to Cambridge City Council and we await the £15m anticipated to be received by the Combined Authority.

14th September 2020 no formal report on the £100m programme was provided to Committee, but we provided a verbal update that included the then current position on the BEIS review following the meeting on the 8th Sept, outstanding issues still specifically being the programme end date and outstanding monies. Rowena Limb suggested that she had a potential solution to resolving the programme end date issue, but the Minister then changed and she had to go back to square one in briefing a new Minister. She did say that might take some time, so throughout the rest of September and into October we were not surprised to hear nothing.

6th November 2020 Housing Committee members were supplied with a briefing note which included the minutes of the review meeting held with MHCLG on 8th September and all subsequent e mail traffic with MHCLG up to the 3rd Nov 20 including the 14th October 2020 e mail from Rowena Limb.

9th November 2020 Reported to Committee

3.1. As part of the monitoring arrangements for the Devolution Deal, government undertakes an annual review of progress with representatives from the Combined Authority, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The first meeting for the yr. 2020/21 Annual Review took place on 8th September 2020, following which additional information has been provided. We have been chasing for a response about the release of future funding and confirmation of the programme completion date being as 31st March 2022, but at the time of writing this report despite numerous requests, BEIS have been unable to confirm the timing of the completion of the review.

3.2. £15m of the monies due for the £100m programme for the year 2019/20 was deferred following last year's review. A payment of £17m of devolution deal monies was made direct to Cambridge City Council for their £70m programme. As referred to in 3.1 we await confirmation of the payment of the £15m from last year and the anticipated £30m to be received by the Combined Authority in this financial year.

3.3. At the 8th September 2020 meeting, MHCLG and BEIS confirmed that there was no disagreement over the decision to create the £40m revolving fund as this was clearly permitted by the original business case.

21st December 2020 email from RT to members with all communications and papers from end July to after the 8th September 2020 MHCLG review meeting.

23rd December 2020 e mail from RT to members with documents from the beginning of the housing programme.

23rd December 2020 e mail from RT to members with all papers and communications from the September 2019 MHCLG review meeting material that includes communications that took place in the following months ahead of the further review meeting which took place in February 2020.

24th December 2020 e mail from RT to members with all communications and papers from the Feb 2020 Programme Review with MHCLG. This includes communications that took place in the following months ahead of the further review meeting which took place in Sept 2020.

All housing grant approval papers that went to housing committee on the 9th November 2020 and 11th January 2021 have been conditional upon confirmation that the outstanding funding from the review with MHCLG is released.

Housing Committee has approved a re-profiling of the £55m of the £100m money already received, to ensure that all schemes projected to start on site up to the end March 2021 can be progressed as normal.