

Housing and Communities Committee – 15 March 2021**Public Questions**

No.	Question from:	Question to:	Question
1.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>Does the Combined Authority have an action plan to achieve a resolution on the three key issues for the CPCA affordable housing programme, namely the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme end date March 2021 or March 2022? • Receipt of the £45m of outstanding monies (we have so far received £55m) • Inclusion or removal of the 243 units already captured as starts on site at Northstowe <p>If there is an action plan, could you advise what the terms of the plan are?</p>
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Following the response to the review received from the minister, the updated paper 2.1 responds to these issues. The programme in its current form will end on 31 st March 2021, we will not receive the £45m as part of this programme and the inclusion of the 243 units at Northstowe has been considered ineligible by MHCLG.
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2.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>What is the Combined Authority actively doing with MHCLG with regard to the programme end date?</p>
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for	The programme in its current form will end on 31 st March 2021. We are in discussions with MHCLG about the support for housing schemes to March 2022.

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3.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>If no further funding is received from government, which schemes already been approved for grants will not be able to proceed?</p>
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	We expect all schemes starting on site before 31 st March 2021 will proceed as normal. Any schemes starting after this will be subject to a process with MHCLG as referred in revised paper 2.1.
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4.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>What difficulties are envisaged with schemes that have already started on site but for which all or part of the funding has not been paid over?</p>
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	None, schemes that have already started on site or will be starting before 31 st March 2021 should progress as normal.
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5.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>Will the five schemes that are receiving loans be affected if no further funding is received?</p>

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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Subject to any further input from MHCLG, we are not expecting the performance of the existing 5 loans to be affected.
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6.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	<p>Item 2.1: £100m Housing Programme – Overview of Issues raised by MHCLG</p> <p>What indication if any has been given about the amount of alternative funding that the Government has said it ‘will consider’ making available to 31 March 2022—and about any conditions that may be attached to it?</p>
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	It is too early to say on the amount, the process and conditions are referred in revised paper 2.1.

Supplementary Question at Committee

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7.	Cllr Scutt– Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Housing and Communities Committee	What steps if any have been taken or would be taken by the Combined Authority to find alternative sources of funding in addition to or apart from Government?
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	Cllr Chris Boden – Chairman of Housing and Communities Committee	Cllr Scutt – Overview and Scrutiny Lead for Housing and Communities	Subject to the satisfactory fulfilment of the conditions outlined in 3.3 of the revised agenda item 2.1 and subject to individual schemes having a subsidy value of no greater than on average £45,000, we believe there will be no requirement to look for additional funds to fulfil our existing commitments and any new commitments up until the 31 March 2022.