



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 13 November 2023

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AGENDA

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1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

At this point Members must declare whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or other interest, in any of the items on the agenda, unless it is already entered in the register of members' interests.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Log

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 and to note the Action Log..

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	Arrangements for asking a public question can be viewed here - Public Questions - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)	
4	Combined Authority Forward Plan	
	To note the Combined Authority Forward Plan	
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Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee – Draft Minutes

Monday 11 September 2023

Venue:	Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon PE29 3TN	
Time:	10.00 to 12.00	
Present:	Councillor Bridget Smith Councillor Martin Goodearl Councillor Ishfaq Hussain Councillor Mike Todd-Jones Councillor Lara Davenport-Ray Councillor Lorna Dupre	Chair and Member for South Cambridgeshire District Council East Cambridgeshire District Council Peterborough City Council Cambridge City Council Huntingdonshire District Council Cambridgeshire County Council
Apologies	Mayor Dr Nik Johnson Councillor Nigel Simons Councillor Dee Laws Ms Belinda Clarke Ms Tina Barsby	CPCA Mayor Peterborough City Council Fenland District Council Business Board Representative Business Board Representative

Minutes:

1	Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest
1.1	Apologies were received from Ms Belinda Clarke, Ms Tina Barsby, Mayor Dr Nik Johnson, Cllr Dee Laws, and Cllr Nigel Simons who was substituted by Cllr Hussain.
1.2	There were no declarations of interest.
2	Minutes of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee meeting on 12 June 2023 and Action Log
2.1	The minutes of the meeting on 12 June 2023 were approved as an accurate record.
2.2	The Action Log was noted by the Committee.
3	Public Questions
3.1	No public questions had been received.
4.	Combined Authority Forward Plan
4.1	The Combined Authority Forward Plan was noted by the Committee.

<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Directorate Highlight Report</p> <p>Steve Cox, Interim Executive Director – Place & Connectivity, introduced the report which provided a general update on the key activities of the Place and Connectivity Directorate in relation to Environment and Sustainable Communities, which were not covered in other reports to the meeting. It also provided information on some key developments, risks and opportunities that had emerged.</p> <p>The following points were raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members felt it would be preferable to have a shared net zero target across the CPCA area as currently Cambridgeshire stood at 2045, East Cambridgeshire at 2035 and Huntingdonshire at 2040 (for internal council operations) despite it being the highest emitting district in the area (mainly due to transport emissions because of the major roads that dissected the county.) These differences led to a lot of confusion and Members felt that it was important to have targets in common as well as an understanding of the data and what could be done. b) Politics and the different priorities of the constituent councils had led to the variance in targets but the CPCA could play its part to encourage more alignment. As part of having a much better shared understanding of net zero a funding request to enhance climate data and monitoring had been submitted to Board and also the Climate summit being held in November would be an opportunity to bring people together to discuss issues and develop a consistent approach. c) Members felt that there had been very little information shared about the summit and wanted to know who had been invited and would be involved with the summit, and what was going to be covered. In addition, it would be useful to have a document ready for the summit which listed all the different targets. Officers would share more information about the summit under item 8 on the agenda: The Climate Partnership Update d) Officers confirmed that the funding request to the CA Board for data analysis on the accuracy of climate and monitoring data was £100,000 <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <p>1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee resolved to note the report.</p> <p><u>ACTIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers to create a document with all the targets for Net Zero across the region for the Climate summit. 2. Officers to share with members information on the Climate Summit.
<p>6.</p> <p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation</p> <p>Azma Ahmad-Pearce, Housing Programme Manager introduced the report which updated the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme (AHP) 2017-2022. This was an ongoing project which had ended but had a tail end. Completions were anticipated by the end of 2025.</p> <p>The following points were raised in discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There was a claw back clause in all of the CPCA’s projects which meant that if a property had been sold through shared ownership, over and above the threshold price, a mechanism kicked in which allowed the CPCA to get money back or reduce the amount of grant paid. This explained the differential in the CPCA funding and paid to date figures shown for the Wicken site in Appendix 1. b) Members had difficulty navigating the appendix because of the layout and would have preferred to have it ordered by date of completion with a line reference number included. Officers had been asked by previous Housing Committee members to strip the information down to a bare minimum but would work with current members to find a way forward and an acceptable format. c) MAN GPM were the company that put in the bid for the Alconbury Weald site but the contractors were Crest Nicolson and it was them and their subcontractors who there had been problems with.

- d) CKH, the lead partner on the HUSK or Garage sites had contacted officers about party wall issues but once these had been dealt with the project would commence.

RESOLVED

1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee resolved to note the report.

ACTION:

1. Officers to share with members an adapted layout for the AHP – Approved and Started on Site Schemes documents (shown as Appendix 1 and 2) before bringing them back to the November Committee.

7. Housing Loans Update

7.1 Nick Sweeney, Residential Development Manager introduced the report which sought to inform the Committee of the current position concerning receipt of loan repayments that were required to fund the 2021-2022 Affordable Housing Programme.

7.2 The following points were raised in discussion:

- a) The most recent report from the monitoring surveyor, received the week previously, indicated that all the units at the Histon Road site would be completed by 30 September but that it would be very tight. The loan should be repaid by then or very soon after as there was also an option for the developer to repay the loan by alternative means with a second funder on the scene to pay back the CPCA. Officers were quite confident that this would not be required and that there would not be a default on the loan.
- b) The internal review on loans to developers would take place when the matter of the loan had been concluded. It was not yet decided who would undertake the review but they would be independent of the Housing team.
- c) There was a caveat in the introductory paragraph of the Monitoring Surveyor's report restricting the use of the document for the sole purposes of the borrowers, perhaps because of some commercially sensitive elements. Officers would check with the author and share the report, or parts of it, if able to do so.

RESOLVED:

1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee resolved to note the current position in respect of outstanding loan repayments required to fund the 2021-2022 Affordable Housing Programme.

ACTION:

1. Officers to check if the independent monitoring surveyor's report could be shared with committee members.

8 Climate Partnership Update

8.1 Adrian Cannard, Strategic Planning Manager, introduced the report which provided an update on the Climate Partnership and associated actions. The Climate Partnership met on 19 June 2023 and the report set out the key issue arising from that meeting.

8.2 The following points were raised in discussion:

- a) The date of the Climate Partnership Summit was 9 November 2023 and all members would shortly be receiving a holding invite for this event.
- b) The content for the Summit would be across three themes: (1) Pathway to Net Zero, (2) How to adapt to the future, and (3) How to make sure everyone received the right opportunities.

- c) Officers were planning to hold a number of panel events at the Summit which the Oxford Cambridge pan-regional partnership could be involved in.
- d) A bid had been made to the CA Board to fund the Summit through treasury management savings.
- e) The new corporate performance report would be coming to the Committee's next meeting in November and the monitoring of the progress on the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025 would be included within this.
- f) The CA had been meeting with the communication leads from the other constituent councils, through the Comms group, to discuss how best to promote the retrofit skills bootcamps that were being procured.
- g) Officers asked the Committee to note that the key funding for the Climate and Nature funding was a one-off block of monies ending either this financial year or the next one and suggested there was a case for extending these two blocks of funding; perhaps to be further discussed as part of the review of the budget and MTFP, asked for in the finance agenda item. The extension of these funding blocks would allow many of the innovative external groups such as Fenland Soil, to continue their work and also support the work of the Local Nature Partnership which was a charity currently supported by capacity funding.
- h) Natural Cambridgeshire had been working with the CA on the delivery of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and it was an ambition to double nature as the CA area was one of the county areas with the least proportion of wildlife rich areas. The Chair discussed inviting the Chair of Natural Cambridgeshire to the next meeting so the committee could hear directly from them what they could offer, how they wished to work with the CPCA and what their funding requirements going forward would be.
- i) Natural Cambridgeshire were running the Fund for Nature on behalf of the CPCA and having appraised the expressions of the interest received had identified three to put forward. Information on what the projects involved, and the amount of funding needed would be presented at the next natural Cambridgeshire meeting.
- j) The Combined Authority had been very clear about the importance of the Ely North improvements, but no formal response or date had been received from government. Officers would continue to lobby for this.
- k) Members asked officers for more detailed information to be included on the Climate Partnership Group page of the website for example more details about the Climate Summit, minutes of the Partnership meetings and contact details for those who wanted to engage with the work of the Partnership.
- l) The Authority had an EV Charging Strategy for the roll out of electric charging points. Although there was always new technology coming to the fore many of the charging points could be easily changed and upgraded. The main cost was getting the electricity connection correct.
- m) Additional government funding from the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Capability Fund had been secured which would equip the Authority with the skills and ambition to scale up their plans when it came to their charging strategy. A paper on LEVI would be presented at the Transport and Infrastructure meeting on Wednesday.
- n) Because of the road network covering a large part of the CPCA area, transport emissions were a hugely significant factor in the attempt to reach NetZero and tackling this through a move to electric vehicles, and making it the best experience it possibly could be for residents, should be a priority.
- o) Active Travel referred principally to cycling and walking.

RESOLVED:

The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee unanimously resolved to:

1. To note the updates from the June meeting of the Climate Partnership

ACTIONS

1. Officers to invite the Chair of Natural Cambridgeshire to the November meeting.
2. Officers to review the Climate Partnership Group page of the website and update it so that it was much more of a 'live' page with up-to-date information.

3. The LEVI report going to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on Wednesday 13 September to be shared with the Committee.

9 Budget and Performance Report – Sept 23

9.1 Tim Greenwood, Finance Manager, introduced the report which provided an update of the financial position for 2023/24 and an analysis against the 2023/24 budget up to the period ending July 2023. It also provided the Committee with an opportunity to review the multi-year budgets within their remit and provide a steer to be considered as part of the development of the 2024-25 Medium Term Financial Plan. Rob Emery, Assistant Director Finance was also in attendance to address the Committee and answer their questions.

9.2 The following points were raised in discussion:

- a) The Care Home Retrofit programme was a 50/50 match funding programme. There had been a number of expressions of interest received from care homes but in exploring whether there had been any barriers to applying, a number of homes had said they weren't intending to invest this year because of financial pressures and therefore a match-funded grant was of no interest. Officers were looking at exploring options, such as staged payments, which could ease the process and mitigate the need for upfront match funding.
- b) The Net Zero Villages programme was small scale funding to communities of up to £20k of investment in schemes such as Net Zero projects, EV chargers and planting schemes. The Programme had not yet been launched but as it was not matched funding it was likely that all the monies would be taken up. CA officers were talking with officers from constituent councils about their own similar schemes to see if they could complement one another.
- c) Members asked for an update on the Net Zero villages and the Care Home Retrofit Programme at their next meeting.
- d) There was an error in the table of appendix 1 of the report which showed the HUG2 capital programme ending in 2023/24. This was not the case as the funding agreement from Government ran until March 2025
- e) Officers were working on updating the baseline MTFP to reflect the current situation rather than that of six to twelve months ago when the budgets in the report were set. This could be due to the impact of inflation or new funding announcements from Government. A re-costed MTFP would be presented at the November meeting and would also include proposals for improvements, savings or opportunities based on any steer given by the Committee.
- f) The CPCA was enabling and facilitating environmental work with a number of partners that had crucial parts to play in tackling Climate Change and which relied, at present, on time limited funding. Officers would welcome the Committee's views on future funding levels and proposals for how the money should be allocated. The Chair also asked members to benchmark the funding against the Climate Commission's recommendations.
- g) It was highlighted that the core function of the Climate Partnership Group should be to advise the Committee on their climate budgets.
- h) The Life Belt City Portrait was a data visualisation project looking at the new low carbon economy in the context of Cambridge City.

RESOLVED:

That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee:

1. Note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 23/24 to July 2023.
2. Review and comment on the current Environment and Sustainable Communities budgets within the Combined Authority's Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme.

ACTIONS:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers to provide an update at the next meeting on the Net-Zero Villages and the Care Home Retrofit Programme. 2. Committee members to email Steve Cox, Executive Director for Place and Connectivity, or Rob Emery, Assistant Director Finance with their proposals for the MTFP 3. Officers to provide a link to the Life Belt Climate Portrait to members.
10	Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Agenda Plan
10.1	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Agenda Plan be noted.
11	Exclusion of the Press and Public
	<p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee resolved to remain in public session
12	Affordable Housing Programme – Heylo Swap from SN Developments to Vistry Units
12.1	Azma Ahmad-Pearce, Housing Programme Manager, introduced the report which updated the Committee on the Heylo swap from SN Developments to Vistry units, as part of the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme 2017-2022
12.2	<p>The following points were raised in discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was disappointing for the residents of Haddenham but it was a commercial decision and the CPCA acted only in a bank rolling capacity with limited control over the situation. b) Members were happy to see that in terms of geography, most of the properties would still be in East Cambridgeshire. <p><u>RESOLVED:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree to terminate the Heylo Grant funding agreement (GFA) to acquire units from SN Developments with CPCA (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority), dated 28 January 2022. 2. To approve the site swap from New Road Haddeham (11 units) to the Vistry (12 units) and to approve the use of the allocated funding of £528,750 for these units.
13	Date of Next Meeting
13.1	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13 November 2023.

Meeting Ended: 11.32am

Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Action Log

The action log records actions recorded in the minutes of Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee meetings and provides an update on officer response.

Minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2023					
Item	Report Title	Lead Officer	Action	Response	Status
5	Directorate Highlight Report	Steve Cox (Adrian Cannard)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Officers to create a document with all the targets for Net Zero across the region for the Climate summit. Officers to share with members information on the Climate Summit. 		Open
6.	Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation	Azma Ahmad-Pearce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Officers to share with members an adapted layout for the AHP – Approved and Started on Site Schemes documents (shown as Appendix 1 and 2) before bringing them back to the November Committee. 	Updated layout shared with Members on 16.10.23	Closed
7.	Housing Loans Update	Nick Sweeney	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Officers to check if the independent monitoring surveyor's report could be shared with committee members. 	Report circulated by email to Members on 09.10.23	Closed
8.	Climate Partnership Update	Adrian Cannard	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Officers to invite the Chair of Natural Cambridgeshire to the November meeting. Officers to review the Climate Partnership Group page of the website and update it so that it was much more of a 'live' page with up-to-date information. The LEVI report going to the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on Wednesday 13 September to be shared with the Committee 	Circulated to Members on 11.09.23	Closed

Minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2023

Item	Report Title	Lead Officer	Action	Response	Status
9.	Budget & Performance Report	Tim Greenwood (Adrian Cannard)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Officers to provide an update at the next meeting on the Net-Zero Villages and the Care Home Retrofit Programme. 2. Committee members to email Steve Cox, Executive Director for Place and Connectivity, or Rob Emery, Assistant Director Finance with their proposals for the MTFP 3. Officers to provide a link to the Life Belt Climate Portrait to members 		



Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item
13 November 2023	5

Title:	Place & Connectivity Director's Monthly Highlight Report: November 2023
Report of:	Steve Cox, Interim Executive Director – Place & Connectivity
Lead Member:	Cllr Bridget Smith, Chair of Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	Note the content of this report.
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
x	Enabling resilient communities
x	Achieving best value and high performance

1. Purpose

1.1	This report provides a general update on the key activities of the Place and Connectivity Directorate in relation to Environment and Sustainable Communities, which are not covered in other reports to this Meeting. It also provides information on some key developments, risks and opportunities that have emerged.
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2. Combined Authority scheme updates

2.1	CPCA Climate Website Following confirmation of Combined Authority funding, the website proposal was presented to and welcomed by members of the Climate Partnership Group and Climate Programme Board. Initial discussions have been held with the website developer to outline the full specification and requirements for the site. Next stages will include a user experience workshop to build the information architecture and ensure the site has strong search engine optimization (SEO) and search visibility, in addition to scoping the site's various menus and environment categories.
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2.2	<p style="text-align: right;">Item 5</p> <p>Housing site completions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girton site completed in late September 2023. 15 units for the 55+. • Alconbury Weald Site Completion celebration on Friday 1 December 2023, at 2pm, will be attended by Mayor Dr Nik Johnson. • Anticipated completions of Heylo units on Keepmoat site, all 30 units will be sold through shared ownership, in Roman Fields, Paston, Peterborough. • MAN GPM site completed – 94 units, with a mixture of affordable rented and shared ownership homes in Alconbury Weald, Huntingdonshire. • Perkins site with CKH is now due to complete in the New Year. 96 units in Peterborough, on the old Frank Perkins site.
2.3	<p>Performance Report</p> <p>The Combined Authority’s Constitution describes that the purpose of the ESC Committee includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving delivery of key strategic performance measures (as set out in the Corporate Plan and key supporting strategy) • Ensuring all programmes and projects comply with the Assurance Framework and are monitored and evaluated in line with the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework <p>The Combined Authority’s Performance Management Framework (PMF) was approved in September. It states that “we will produce quarterly Thematic Performance Reports encompassing Dashboards of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and an exception report of Red rated KPIs. The quarterly Thematic Performance Reports will be scrutinised by our Corporate Management Team (CMT) and the relevant thematic committee. We will also explore other methods of rapidly escalating performance issues in-between committee cycles.”</p> <p>Five of the Corporate Key Performance Indicators, reported in the Q1 Corporate Performance Report to Board on 20 September, are related to the strategic objective: Enabling Resilient Committees. These are:</p> <p>Metric 10: Total annual net CO2 emissions in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough</p> <p>Metric 11: Total CO2 from transport</p> <p>Metric 12: Percentage of households in fuel poverty</p> <p>Metric 13: Proportion of land (hectares) that is classed as nature rich</p> <p>Metric 24: Cumulative number of homes retrofitted through schemes led by the Greater South East Net Zero Hub</p> <p>Progress is ongoing to develop a Thematic Performance Report for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee. Engagement has taken place with other Mayoral Combined Authorities, the Office for National Statistics, UK Power Networks and Cambridgeshire County Council. This will ensure that our approach is aligned with our constituent authorities and draws on best practice.</p> <p>Implementation of the PMF is dependent on increasing specialist staffing capacity. Reviews of PMO and Policy, Insight and Evaluation staffing are taking place. Once concluded, additional capacity will be recruited.</p> <p>The Performance Management Framework can be found here.</p> <p>The Q1 Corporate Performance KPIs Dashboard can be found here.</p>
2.4	<p>Tender for Infrastructure Delivery Framework</p> <p>The Infrastructure Delivery Framework (IDF) work has been tendered through a procurement framework and bids have been evaluated. At the time of writing this report an offer letter has been sent. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the successful bid. The IDF will provide a narrative on the magnitude of interventions needed to overcome barriers to sustainable growth across the Combined Authority area. A Steering Group has been established as a sub-group of the Place Directors Advisory Group.</p> <p>An initial outcome will be drafted by end of January 2024, with the report finalised in March 2024.</p>

3. Strategic Partner scheme updates

3.1	<p>Oxford to Cambridge Partnership</p> <p>Nathan Vear, Environmental Programme Lead at the Oxford to Cambridge Partnership, joined the Climate Partnership Group meeting on 19 October 2023. Work at the Oxford to Cambridge Partnership is progressing.</p> <p>The Partnership has identified three different programme areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Investment Atlas – linking large investable opportunities across the region, with the Department of Business and Trade. Government is particularly looking to pan-regional partnerships for promoting excellence and investable opportunities on an international stage. • A Data Observatory – drawing together a huge amount of economic, social and environmental data. • An environmental theme – to evolve the agreed environmental principles, including more on tackling climate impacts (Cllr Bridget Smith is chair of this workstream). <p>There are opportunities to leverage and use the power of the Partnership to support and amplify the great work that we are doing and build a strong case to government for regionally specific investment and funding, for climate change, tackling biodiversity, looking at subjects such as nature finance, and benefiting from economies of scale. The Investment Atlas will help attract international investment.</p>
3.2	<p>National Infrastructure Commission</p> <p>The National Infrastructure Commission issued its Second Assessment in October 2023. The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) is an independent body. One of its main responsibilities is to make recommendations to government, once a Parliament, on what infrastructure the country will need over the next thirty years and how to ensure it is built where and when it is needed. Its remit covers energy, transport, water and wastewater, waste, flood management and digital.</p> <p>The Combined Authority arranged and hosted a visit of the NIC Chairman and his Board in November 2022 as part of their development of the second Assessment. After a roundtable discussion with key stakeholders the Authority arranged for the NIC to go on a factfinding tour of the area to see at first hand the infrastructure challenges and opportunities to support sustainable growth. In particular, we illustrated the water supply and flood resilience issues we already face, and how the Combined Authority is supporting new growth through public transport improvements such as the new Cambridge North rail station.</p> <p>We provided the NIC with a briefing document that set out our ‘ask’ for issues to be considered in their second Assessment. The NIC have substantially addressed our ask in their recommendations.</p> <p>The NIC advocate for increased expenditure on infrastructure and an accelerated move away from fossil fuels. However, it considers that this can be done with reduced household costs. They conclude that cheaper operating costs of a low carbon energy system more than offset the costs of paying for the new infrastructure, leading to lower household costs. This reduction in energy costs should also be much greater than the upward pressure on bills from increased investment required in the water sector to reduce both pollution and drought risk.</p> <p>The analysis and recommendations of the NIC will provide important evidence for our IDF work.</p>
3.3	<p>Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023</p> <p>The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill has officially become law. The Bill, which is now the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act, received Royal Assent on 26 October. The government describes the new laws as a way to “speed up the planning system, hold developers to account, cut bureaucracy, and encourage more councils to put in place plans to enable the building of new homes.” Implications of the Act for the work of the Committee will be brought to a future meeting.</p>

4. Appendices

Item 5

4.1	None
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	None
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Legal Implications

6.1	None
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Public Health Implications

7.1	None
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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

8.1	Neutral
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Other Significant Implications

9.1	None
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Background Papers

10.1	None
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Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item
13 November 2023	7

Title:	Local Nature Recovery Strategy
Report of:	Steve Cox, Interim Director Place and Connectivity
Lead Member:	Cllr. Bridget Smith
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	To note progress with the Local Nature Recovery Strategy
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
✓	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
✓	Enabling resilient communities
	Achieving best value and high performance

1. Purpose

1.1	To receive a progress report on the development of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).
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2. Proposal

2.1	Acting on behalf of the Combined Authority, Cambridgeshire County Council has been approved to provide the operational lead on the LNRS. This report provides an update to Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee on progress.
2.2	Successful development of the LNRS is an objective under the Resilient Communities Strategic Objective. The LNRS has specific outputs (a Local Habitat Map and a statement of Biodiversity Priorities). The expected long-term impact of the LNRS is to enhance biodiversity by helping landowners to incorporate species and habitats into their management of land, support the planning system implementing the Biodiversity Net Gain requirements, and overall to increase the amount of rich wildlife habitats.

3. Background

3.1	<p>The LNRS is a key component of the Environment Act 2021. It will set priorities for nature recovery. The LNRS needs to include the following:</p> <p>A Statement of Biodiversity Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A description of current biodiversity for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area • Opportunities for recovering or enhancing biodiversity • Identification of priorities <p>A Local Habitat Map</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National conservation sites • Nature reserves • Other areas that are important for biodiversity and nature recovery • Areas where biodiversity could make a contribution to other environmental benefits.
3.2	<p>The government appointed the Combined Authority as the Responsible Authority for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS area. All constituent Councils are formally each a Supporting Authority. The Combined Authority engaged Cambridgeshire County Council to lead the operational management of the LNRS preparation, in collaboration with Natural Cambridgeshire (Local Nature Partnership) as a key partner.</p>
3.3	<p>Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee agreed the governance structure at its meeting in June 2023. An officer Steering Group has been established. All Councils were contacted in October to nominate officers to attend this Steering Group to enable full engagement as Supporting Authorities (latest meeting was held 31st October).</p>
3.4	<p>Under the LNRS Regulations and Guidance, the Responsible Authority must consult and obtain approval from Supporting Authorities at specific stages (pre-consultation and pre-publication). Over the summer advice was sought from Defra on the nature of this sign-off. Defra have advised that the sign-off process can be decided upon by each Supporting Authority. Each authority has therefore been contacted to seek their views on a preferred approach.</p>
3.5	<p>To provide the necessary technical support for the development of the LNRS a tender exercise was started in August to procure an author/editor, and to undertake habitat mapping and data analysis. Following evaluation the following contracts have been awarded to commence in November 2023 (as contracts are being finalised at the time of report writing the names of the consultant will be verbally reported).</p>
3.6	<p>Natural Cambridgeshire have been formally contracted to support the stakeholder engagement aspects of the LNRS development.</p>
3.7	<p>The government has delayed the national implementation of the mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain from November 2023 to January 2024. The LNRS, when approved, will have a key role in this system (by encouraging any necessary off-site provision towards priority habitats). An amendment proposed by government to the Levelling Up Bill will also require local plans produced by local authorities to “take account” of the LNRS (as opposed to “have regard”). Preparatory work on the LNRS will gain weight in decision-making as it progresses through the relevant stages – involvement of the councils means that early data information can be utilised as part of their evidence bases.</p>
3.8	<p>The development of the LNRS is expected by Defra to take 18-24 months. The current timeline and milestones are attached as Appendix A.</p>

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix A: Timeline
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5. Implications

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Financial Implications

5.1 The LNRS has a budget of 309k (split 165k/144k over the 2 year period).

Legal Implications

6.1 The LNRS is required to be in place under the Environment Act 2021.

Public Health Implications

7.1 None.

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

8.1 Development of the LNRS supports the achievement of the Doubling Nature target.

Other Significant Implications

9.1 None.

Background Papers

10.1 [Report to Environment Sustainable Communities Committee, June 2023 \(Item 9\)](#)

APPENDIX A: LNRS TIMELINE

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Timelines

DEFRA suggested timelines for the development of an LNRS to be 12 -18 months process. The following table provides high level milestones and timelines for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough LNRS.

Co-Design Phase (May 2023 – November 2023)				
Focus: Collecting evidence and putting processes in place to prepare for development of an LNRS for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.				
Project Ref	Milestones	Task Description/ Outputs	Start Date	End Date
1	Development of Project Plan, Timelines and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Project Plan and Timelines • Draft Governance Structure • Agree core production group • Draft Framework • Receive feedback from Supporting Authorities 	April 2023	May 2023
2	Agree Habitat Priority Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Priority Habitat Themes • Agree working groups associated to Priority Habitat Themes • Experts to gather around each Priority Habitat Theme and feed into milestone below. 	May 2023	June 2023
3	Sign off by CPCA Environment Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign off by CPCA Environment Committee on 12th June 2023. 	12 th June 2023	12 th June 2023
4	Stakeholder Engagement and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed Priority Habitat Themes feed into outputs below. • Develop Stakeholder Engagement Plan • Develop a Communication Plan • Develop Consultation Plan 	May 2023	November 2023
5	Data and Evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs from Stakeholder Engagement and communication to feed into this milestone. • Development of Local Habitat Map • Development of Biodiversity Priorities • Feed outputs into BNG Supporting Document • Feed outputs into agreed Priority Habitat Themes 	June 2023	November 2023

6	Environment and Land Use policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs from Stakeholder Engagement and communication to feed into this milestone. • Review all key policies and strategies • Understand how key policies and strategies can be integrated into LNRS • Feed outputs into agreed Priority Habitat Themes 	June 2023	November 2023
7	Wider Environment Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs from Stakeholder Engagement and communication to feed into this milestone. • Understand wider environment benefits of each habitat priority theme and how they can be incorporated into the LNRS. • Feed outputs into agreed Priority Habitat Themes 	June 2023	November 2023
8	Evaluation and Monitoring	Set evaluation and monitoring methodology and framework	June 2023	Ongoing
9	BNG Support Document	Feed outputs from milestones above to provide support to developing an interim BNG document to assist roll out of BNG in January.	September 2023	January 2023
10	Sign off by CPCA Environment Committee	BNG Support Document to be taken to CPCA Environment Committee for sign off and assist roll out in November 2023.	January 2023	January 2023
11	Prepare for Co-Production Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all outputs from Co-Design Phase • Draft LNRS elements to feed into Development Phase 	September 2023	November 2023
Co-Production Phase (December 2023 onwards) Focus: Use evidence collected in Co-Design Phase to develop LNRS for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.				
Project Ref	Milestones	Task Description/ Outputs	Start Date	End Date
1.	Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test and refine outputs from co-design phase 	December 2023	March 2024
2.	Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval from Supporting Authorities to undertake Consultation Process • Implement Consultation Process 	March 2024	June 2024
3.	Sign off by CPCA Environment Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval from CPCA Environment Committee to commence consultation. 	11 th March 2024	11 th March 2024
4.	Final Draft of LNRS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree end design of LNRS • All evidence/ feedback fed into LNRS final draft • Final LNRS drafted & Delivery Plan 	June 2024	September 2024
5.	Pre-Publication Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign off by CPCA Environment Committee • Provide final strategy to Supporting Authorities • Give notice to Secretary of State and intention to publish 	September 2024	November 2024

6.	Final LNRS	• Final LNRS Published	November 2024	November 2024
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Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee		Agenda Item
13 November 2023		8
Title:	Climate Projects Update	
Report of:	Steve Cox, Interim Director, Place and Connectivity	
Lead Member:	Cllr. Bridget Smith, Chair of Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	
Public Report:	Yes	
Key Decision:	No	
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting Members	

Recommendations:	
A	That the Sustainable Land Use Advice programme is used for: (a) a Biodiversity Net Gain register, (b) advice to farmers on accessing the Fund for Nature; and (c) support for farming groups looking at landscape-scale solutions.
B	To extend the delivery period for the Care Homes Retrofit Programme to December 2024
C	To extend the Doubling Nature metrics survey programme to January 2026
D	To note the progress on climate-related projects

Strategic Objective(s):	
The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
✓	Achieving good growth
✓	Enabling resilient communities

1. Purpose	
1.1	This report provides an update on the climate projects funded by the Combined Authority and sets out the rationale for programme alterations where appropriate.

2. Proposal	
2.1	The Combined Authority provided budget allocations for climate related projects in 2022. An update on each project/programmes progress is given below. Where necessary this highlight those projects requiring programme profile adjustments to reflect changing circumstances since the budget allocations were made.

2.2	<p>Sustainable Land Use Advice (150k)</p> <p>As reported to the June Committee a budget allocation was made for a Sustainable Land Use Advice project. After consultation with the sector it was clear that there was an appetite for advice to focus on navigating the emerging funding opportunities presented by sustainable farming measures, such as biodiversity net gain. Given the opportunity presented by the emerging work on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (as reported elsewhere on the Agenda) discussions have been undertaken with the LNRS Steering Group on aligning these activities. Based on those discussions it is proposed for the programme to undertake three related strands of work: (a) support for Natural Cambridgeshire's Biodiversity Net Gain Register; (b) providing assistance to farmers/landowners in accessing the Fund for Nature; and (c) facilitating groups of farmers to come together to identify landscape-scale actions.</p>	Item 8
2.3	<p>Care Homes Retrofit Programme (2000k)</p> <p>An online survey went to each of the 32 eligible independent care homes in the CPCA area (the basis of our focus) to gauge their interest in the investment programme. 10 care homes expressed interest. Each of the 10 interested care homes were provided with an on-line application process, following which the Programme Manager has contacted each one and initiated visits to discuss the requirements of their care home. One formal application has been received to date. A change request is proposed to extend the programme funding period into 24/25 to allow sufficient time for procurement and delivery of individual retrofits.</p>	
2.4	<p>Based on the current expressions of interest, it does look likely that the Care Home programme allocation of £2m would be significantly underutilised. Additional publicity and engagement with the sector will be undertaken, but if no additional expressions of interest are received in the next two months then a recommendation will be brought to the Committee in January on whether to re-allocate an element of the programme funding, or broaden the eligibility criteria.</p>	
2.5	<p>Cultural Services Cambridge City and the wider Region (597k)</p> <p>A budget allocation has been made for a programme that enhances the cultural services offer provided by the City Council. The revised business case for this project will be considered at the January meeting of the Committee.</p>	
2.6	<p>Doubling Nature Metrics (125k)</p> <p>The project, being delivered by the Wildlife trust and CERC has two main elements that together will improve accuracy of the data available on natural habitats in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The first is on the ground, field-survey work of many sites, and the second is using Geographical Information Systems to organise and map the data. The project has submitted a change request arising from the Habitat Survey Officer resigning in August to take up a permanent position elsewhere. Recruitment of the Habitat Survey Officer post will take place late winter 2023/early 2024. This means the project period will extend until January 2026 (as opposed to the original March 2025 completion date) to include the next survey season. An additional Survey Assistant role will be also recruited. The additional survey season will enable the project to be completed as originally envisaged.</p>	
2.7	<p>Chalk Stream Programme (420k)</p> <p>In March 23 the City Council appointed an experienced project officer to lead this 3 year project, who has engaged with a wide range of stakeholders, including the Environment Agency, water companies, community groups and landowners to help shape and steer a programme of deliverable projects in both South Cambs and the City. A partnership steering group and themed working groups have been set up to ensure coordinated delivery and communications going forward.</p>	
2.8	<p>Since the initial Chalk Stream Audit that inspired the project, and secured Combined Authority funding, knowledge of chalk streams, and the considerable pressures they face, has increased significantly. This has identified the need for an evidence-based approach as being critical for the long term success of the project. We have collated existing datasets from multiple organisations and are using this evidence base to build on the original stream audits to prioritise projects. This holistic approach has attracted much support from stakeholders and considerable match funding and volunteering effort is being offered.</p>	

2.9	Many of the pressures facing our chalk streams are whole catchment based, requiring landscape scale interventions, for this reason the Council have selected a suite of demonstration projects that will provide case studies tackling the key issues of water shortage, water quality, invasive species and barriers to fish passage, as well as more traditional in channel and riverbank habitat enhancements.
2.10	In addition to these identified key projects there will be technical support, funding advice and a small grant budget to help existing and new groups to deliver local enhancements to their chalk streams. It is hoped that this exciting project will be the catalyst for further investment, landowners and community engagement, research and ongoing monitoring of our precious chalk streams.
2.11	<p>Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for All (1350k)</p> <p>The programme is testing various approaches to achieving measurable net gain in biodiversity across Huntingdonshire. This includes developing green skills, support for graduate ecologists, community engagement with land assets and ecological surveying to establish key baselines. Due to delays in contracting the business case and staff turnover there has been a reprofiling of capital and revenue from year 1 (22/23) into year 2. The programme is generating significant community interest and support.</p>
2.12	<p>City Portrait to inform Cambridge's sustainable and inclusive growth (80k)</p> <p>This project is complete. The Cambridge 'State of the City' report and dashboard provide a data-led overview of what Cambridge is like economically, socially, and environmentally. It also compares Cambridge to other cities in England and Wales. It will be updated by the City Council at least annually as new data becomes available, and to produce a summary State of the City report each year to help identify trends and significant changes. Continual updates will help track changing outcomes for people, the economy and the environment over time, and can inform the collective work that the Council and partners are doing. The evidence draws on publicly available, nationally comparable data, and is based on a 'Six Lenses' framework. The website is available here: Cambridge City 'State of the City' online dashboard</p>
2.13	<p>Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve wetland extension (280k)</p> <p>The project to enhance this riverside reserve in West Chesterton is nearing the implementation stage, following successful public consultation, securing of planning permission and appointment of an experienced, specialist river restoration contractor. Additional funding from the Heritage Lottery Green Recovery Fund has assisted with design work, species surveys and initial tree works for vehicle access. Unfortunately there have been delays over summer 2023 due to an Anglian Water asset under the reserve being identified as in poor condition. The project manager is currently working with Anglian Water on how to overcome this complication.</p>
2.14	<p>Meanwhile at Core Site, North East Cambridge (1120K)</p> <p>Meanwhile is a project proposed on part of a major development site to champion new systems of environmental and social sustainability by offering shared space facilities. A change request is currently being considered and will be reported to a future meeting.</p>
2.15	<p>Natural Cambridgeshire (210k)</p> <p>The Combined Authority has provided ongoing revenue support to Natural Cambridgeshire (the Local Nature Partnership) over three years to March 2025. This has enabled it to establish itself as a charitable body and deliver a diverse range of activities in support of its charitable objectives and the adoption of the vision to 'Double Nature' across the area, which has one of the lowest percentages of rich wildlife areas. This was influential in the development of the environmental principles for the Oxfordshire to Cambridgeshire region. Natural Cambridgeshire are delivering the Fund for Nature for the Authority, and co-chairing the LNRS Steering group.</p>

2.16	<p>Fund for Nature (1000k) Item 8</p> <p>The Fund for Nature is managed by Natural Cambridgeshire. Three applicants have been selected for the first tranches of the Fund for Nature (large-scale) investment and are currently in contract development. The smaller community-scale programme is open for applications and offers grants of up to £5,000 for communities who wish to do more for nature where they live https://www.cambscf.org.uk/fund-for-nature . The deadline for this first round of projects is 1st November, for projects due to start in Spring 2024; there will be a further call for projects next year the deadline for which will be 1 May 2024. Applicants will need to show how their project will directly contribute to ‘Doubling Nature’ and make reference to objectives contained within Natural Cambridgeshire’s ‘Local Nature Recovery Toolkit’.</p>
2.17	<p>Net Zero Villages Programme (1000k)</p> <p>This programme offers small capital grants to village community projects to demonstrate progress towards net zero. The programme is currently being developed and the budget allocation carried over from 22/23. The Combined Authority contacted all constituent councils to check alignment with any locally based schemes. Limited overlap has been identified. Talks have also taken place with GSENZH on how their community support offer (which is revenue funding) can lead into proposals for the Net Zero Villages Programme (which is capital funding). The programme will launch shortly.</p>
2.18	<p>Waterbeach Depot Solar Smart-grid Project (2700k)</p> <p>WREN is a joint project between SCDC and City to develop an integrated renewable energy and storage solution to serve a fleet of circa 50 electric Refuse Collection Vehicles at Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service Depot at Waterbeach. Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service (GRSWS) project team has reviewed project progress and the future risks to the project and as a result of this review GCSWS will not be proceeding from Call off Contract 1 to Call off Contract 2 with the existing main contractor as principal designer and contractor. This will result in a further period of design with the project start on site proposed for Summer 2024. A change request has been agreed to this timeline change resulting in the CPCA grant spend moving to 2024-25 (instead of the proposed 2023-24).</p>

3. Background

3.1	The Combined Authority has budget allocations in the MTFP for climate-related projects. These were established in MTFP agreed by the Board, January 2022.
3.2	The climate-related projects align with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Action Plan.

4. Appendices

4.1	None.
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5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	Spend to date on these projects are set out in the Budget Monitoring report (on the Committee Agenda).
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Legal Implications

6.1	None.
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Public Health Implications

7.1	None.
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Environmental & Climate Change Implications		Item 8
8.1	As described in the project descriptions. These projects/programmes are in support of tackling climate emissions, adaptation and environmental crisis.	
Other Significant Implications		
9.1	None.	
Background Papers		
10.1	Board MTFP approval Jan 2022	



Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item
13 November 2023	9

Title:	Affordable Housing Programme – Update on Implementation
Report of:	Azma Ahmad-Pearce – Programme Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Lead Member for Housing and Communities
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangments:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	The Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee is asked to note the report.
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
✓	Achieving good growth – provide the 1450+ homes as agreed by the CPCA (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority) and providers, between 2017-2022, around the Combined Authority area.
✓	Enabling resilient communities – provide suitable housing and ensuring communities are robust

1. Purpose

1.1	This report is to update the Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme 2017-2022. This is an ongoing project, which has ended but has a tail end. All completions are now anticipated by the end of 2025.
1.2	A further 680 units are yet to be delivered. The biggest site is Northminster in Peterborough. 777 new homes over several sites have been successfully completed and occupied by new households.

2. Proposal

2.1	To update Members on the progress of the Affordable Housing Programme, providing clear statements of progress of the sites in the programme. All sites have been visited at least once by the Housing Programme Manager, as part of the monitoring of this programme.
2.2	The Combined Authority’s Affordable Housing programme ran from 2017 until 31 March 2022 (schemes having to be started on site by that date).

3. Background

3.1	The Affordable Housing programme started in 2017, with the objective to deliver 2000 homes by 31 March 2022. The Affordable Housing Programme progressed throughout the Covid pandemic years, including periods of lockdown that impacted on delivery. DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) decided in 2021 to end the programme but after further discussion a one-year programme extension was agreed, monitored by DLUHC, to allow a further 315+ units to be delivered as agreed at subsequent Housing Committee meetings. Northminster, being delivered by CKH (Cross Keys Homes) was one of the biggest projects, a showpiece scheme for CPCA and Peterborough.
3.2	A total of 777 new homes have been completed at the time of writing of this report. There have been some delays, due to materials coming from the EU, but all sites are progressing well. Other known delays have been with s278 – roadworks, this has caused delays with the occupation of new homes. 680 are still outstanding.
3.3	The affordable housing programme is expected to come to completion by end of 2025 at the earliest or by the end of the financial year 2025/26, as the final projects complete. All sites have started or are in construction, except the Garage sites in Peterborough which still have some technical issues to resolve, and which are the subject of a separate paper on this agenda.
3.4	On some of the CKH sites postponements for handovers have occurred, due to contractual disputes, and therefore completions will now occur before the longstop date, which is later than the expected completion date. This pushes delivery for some completed units into August 2024. Properties at the Perkins site were not in a condition for final snagging and after further inspections, handover has been pushed back to December 2023. Northminster is expected to complete in late 2025.
3.5	At Alconbury Weald, a further 6 units remain to be completed and these are due to complete by the end of October/mid-November 2023. This site is expected to complete fully by the end of the calendar year.
3.6	Heylo site with Keepmoat is near completion with 30 units at Roman Fields, Paston. 28 are sold and occupied and 2 are subject to contract, and due to complete by the end of October 2023.
3.7	At another Heylo site with Keepmoat in Paston, PCC, Heylo have sold 4 homes, 3 have exchanged and will complete at the end of October 2023, and many more are coming through in the next few months, and finally completing in Mid-June 2024. Allison Homes (several sites – Whittlesey Green, Harriers Rest & Cromwell Fields) have 7 homes completed (in this batch) and as completions are happening, sales uptake has been steady.
3.8	The Vistry sites with Heylo (ECDC, Littleport & Ely & SCDC (at Caldecote) are progressing. A termination of the GFA (Grant Funding Agreement) relating to SN Developments has been devised and sent for signing, and a new GFA is being drafted for the Vistry sites with Heylo.

4. Appendices

4.1	Appendix 1: AHP - Approved and Started on Site Schemes period up to March 2021
4.2	Appendix 2: AHP - Approved and Started on Site Schemes period April 2021 to March 2022

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	There are no additional financial implications. All grant funding is allocated. 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.
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Legal Implications

6.1	There are no new legal implications.
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Public Health Implications		Item 9
7.1	There are no known public health implications.	
Environmental & Climate Change Implications		
8.1	There are no new Environmental or Climate change implications.	
Other Significant Implications		
9.1	None	
Background Papers		
10.1	None	

Affordable Housing Grants

Scheme Name	Provider / Lead Partner	Local Authority	Start on Site - Units Claimed	Committee/ Funding dates	Actual Completions to Date	possible Handover dates	Longstop dates	CPCA Funding	Paid to Date	Progress
Soham	PGH	East Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 120,000.00	£ 120,000.00	Completed
Littleport	CHS	East Cambs	5	26/07/2017	5			£ 97,500.00	£ 97,500.00	Completed
Victoria Way, Melbourn	CHS	South Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 133,000.00	£ 133,000.00	Completed
Willingham	CKH	South Cambs	15	26/07/2017	15			£ 525,000.00	£ 525,000.00	Completed
Burwell	Hastoe	East Cambs	8	26/07/2017	8			£ 330,000.00	£ 330,000.00	Completed
Perkins, Phase 1, Newark Road, Peterborough	CKH	Peterborough	54	26/07/2017	54			£ 1,700,000.00	£ 1,700,000.00	Completed
Snowley Park	CKH	Fenland	24	26/07/2017	24			£ 150,000.00	£ 150,000.00	Completed
Belle Vue Stanground	Medesham	Peterborough	21	29/05/2019	21			£ 735,000.00	£ 735,000.00	Completed
Luminus HDC Sites	Chorus (Luminus)	Huntingdonshire	14	26/06/2019	14			£ 618,800.00	£ 618,800.00	Completed
Crowland Road, Peterborough	Medesham	Peterborough	25	31/07/2019	25			£ 875,000.00	£ 875,000.00	Completed
Drake Avenue, Peterborough	CKH	Peterborough	33	31/07/2019	33			£ 1,430,154.00	£ 1,430,154.00	Completed
Whaddon Road, Meldreth	Settle (NHH)	South Cambs	5	09/10/2019	5			£ 215,000.00	£ 215,000.00	Completed
94 Great Whyte, Ramsey	Platform Housing	Huntingdonshire	15	11/11/2019	15			£ 600,000.00	£ 600,000.00	Completed
Middlemoor Road, St Mary's, Ramsey	Places For People (ex-Chorus) (Luminus)	Huntingdonshire	11	13/01/2020	11			£ 509,000.00	£ 509,000.00	Completed
Alconbury, Alconbury Weald/Manderville Place, Brampton	Heylo	Huntingdonshire	22	13/01/2020	22			£ 819,800.00	£ 819,800.00	Completed
Alconbury Weald, Parcel 4, Ermine Street, Alconbury Weald.	CKH	Huntingdonshire	7	09/03/2020	7			£ 245,000.00	£ 245,000.00	Completed
Brampton Park, Brampton, Hunts	ReSI	Huntingdonshire	6	27/04/2020	6		Item 9	£ 270,002.00	£ 270,002.00	Completed
ST Thomas Park, Ramsey, Hunts. (Linden Homes)	Heylo/Linden Homes	Huntingdonshire	10	27/04/2020	10			£ 476,997.00	£ 476,997.00	Completed
Wintlesby Green, Fenland (11), Harriers Rest, (Lawrence Rd) (7) Wittering & Sandpit Road, Thorney.	Heylo/Larkfleet	Peterborough/Hunts	31	27/04/2020	29			£ 1,367,766.00	£ 1,002,502.00	Near Complete
Roman Fields, Paston, Peterborough.	Keepmoat	Peterborough	23	27/04/2020	23			£ 1,000,500.00	£ 954,489.00	Completed
JMS, Damson Drive, Peterborough, PE1	Keepmoat	Peterborough	10	27/04/2020	10			£ 412,998.00	£ 412,998.00	Completed
Roman Fields, Paston, Peterborough.	Heylo	Peterborough	20	22/06/2020	20			£ 645,000.00	£ 645,000.00	Completed
Alconbury Weald, Parcel 6, Alconbury.	MAN GPM	Huntingdonshire	94	22/06/2020	88	30/09/2023	31/12/2023	£ 4,425,000.00	£ 2,212,500.00	In progress - to complete and claim grant at end of 2023
Wicken, East Cambridgeshire	Cambridge Housing Society	East Cambs	16	09/11/2020	16			£ 640,000.00	£ 637,666.00	Completed
More's Meadow, Great Shelford,	CLT/Parochial Charity	South Cambs	21	09/11/2020	21			£ 1,008,000.00	£ 1,008,000.00	Completed
All Angels Park, Highfields, Caldecote.	Heylo	South Cambs	5	09/11/2020	5			£ 247,999.00	£ 235,048.00	Completed
Garage sites (5 infill sites)	CKH	Peterborough	19	09/11/2020		25/03/2022	30/09/2024	£ 665,000.00	£ 332,500.00	In progress - possible changes, to loss of units
Sandpit Road, Thorney, Peterborough	Heylo/Larkfleet	Peterborough	5	09/11/2020	5			£ 237,804.00	£ 209,805.00	Completed
PFP HDC Sites, Phase 2	Chorus (Luminus) PFP	Huntingdonshire	15	11/01/2021	15			£ 749,000.00	£ 749,000.00	Completed
Heylo 4 sites, Bayard Plaza (11), Pemberton Park (10), Alconbury Weald (2) & Judith Gardens (8)	Heylo	HDC,PCC, ECDC	31	15/03/2021	31			£ 1,272,000.00	£ 1,220,191.00	Completed
Heylo - Roman Fields, Phase 2, Paston.	Heylo	PCC	30	11/07/2021	28	31/10/2022	31/10/2023	£ 1,006,173.00		In progress - to claim grant in November 2023
Alconbury Weald	Rentplus	Huntingdonshire	22	15/03/2021	22			£ 989,325.00	£ 989,325.00	Completed
24 High Street, Wisbech	FDC	FDC	6	12/09/2022		31/05/2024	31/12/2024	£ 210,000.00	£ 105,000.00	In progress
Heylo Allison Homes/Keepmoat, Paston site	Heylo - Allison Homes & Keepmoat	PCC, FDC, HDC	46	14/11/2022	11	28/02/2023	30/11/2023	£ 1,656,000.00		In progress
			685		615			£ 26,382,818	£ 20,564,277	
Loan or other Toolbox Investments										
Haddenham CLT (Loan)	ECTC/PGH	East Cambs	19	27/06/2018	19			£ 6,500,000	£	Repaid
Ely MOD Site (Loan)	ECTC/PGH	East Cambs	15	28/11/2018	15			£ 24,400,000	£	Repaid
Alexander House (Forehill) Ely (Loan)	Laragh Developments	East Cambs	4	26/06/2019	4			£ 4,840,000	£ -	Repaid
Linton Road, Great Abingdon (Loan)	Laragh Developments	South Cambs	7	27/11/2019	7			£ 5,780,000	£ -	Repaid
Histon Road, Cambridge (Loan)	Laragh Developments	Cambridge City	10	25/03/2020	9			£ 9,647,000	£ 7,112,527	In Progress
Sub-total Loan book Investments			55					£ 51,167,000	£ 7,112,527	
Programme Totals			740		669			£ 77,549,818	£ 27,676,804	

Scheme Name	Provider / Lead Partner	Local Authority	No. of units funded	Committee/ Funding date	Actual Completions to Date	Possible Handover date Date	Longstop dates	CPCA Funding	Paid to Date	Progress
Wisbech Road, March	SAGE	FDC	118	11/11/2019		31/11/2024	31/12/2024	£5,248,700	£3,936,525	In progress
Stanground, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	26	22/06/2020		31/12/2023	31/12/2024	£1,170,000	£585,000	In progress
British Sugar Way, Oundle Road, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	70	09/11/2020	36	30/09/2023	31/08/2024	£2,830,000	£1,415,000	In progress
Perkins, Phase 2, Newark Road, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	96	09/11/2020	48	31/01/2024	29/09/2024	£3,740,000	£1,870,000	In progress
Great Haddon, London Road, Yaxley, Peterborough.	CKH	PCC	49	11/01/2021	8	30/11/2024	30/11/2025	£1,886,500	£943,250	In progress
Northminster, Peterborough	CKH	PCC	315	21/06/2021		31/01/2026	31/01/2026	£12,521,250	£9,390,937	In progress
14-16 High Street, Girton, Cambridge. CB3 0PU	Girton TP	SCDC	15	21/06/2021	15	31/03/2023	01/10/2023	£675,000	£675,000	Completed.
Heylo - 2 sites (SN Developments - removed) & Larkfleet	Heylo	PCC, FDC	16	06/09/2021	10	30/06/2023	30/11/2023	£670,250	£414,000	In progress
Heylo - Vistry sites	Heylo	ECDC, SCDC	12	11/09/2023		31/01/2024	31/03/2024	£538,750		In progress
TOTALS			717		117			£29,280,450	£19,229,712	



Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item
13 November 2023	7

Title:	Housing Loans Update
Report of:	Steve Cox, Interim Executive Director of Place and Connectivity
Lead Member:	Cllr Bridget Smith
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required.

Recommendations:

A	The Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee is recommended to note the current position in respect of loan repayments required to fund the 2021-2022 Affordable Housing Programme.
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

A	Achieving good growth by delivering the Combined Authority's former Affordable Housing Programme.
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1. Purpose

1.1	This report seeks to inform the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee of the current position concerning receipt of loan repayments required to fund the 2021-2022 Affordable Housing Programme.
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2. Proposal

2.1	To update and inform Members of the current position in respect of loan repayments required to fund the 2021-2022 Affordable Housing Programme.
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3. Background

3.1	As part of the Devolution Deal, the Combined Authority (CA) secured funding from Government to deliver an affordable housing programme that ended in March 2021.
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	<p>The CA’s Housing Strategy approved by Board in September 2018 divided the funding into two parts. £60M was allocated for traditional grant funding and £40M was to be used for the then Mayor’s plan for a revolving fund to support the delivery of additional affordable housing.</p> <p>The revolving fund initiative committed a total of £51.167M through 5 loans to development companies to fund delivery of 53 affordable units. In August 2020 the Combined Authority’s Board approved loan extensions and interest free periods to reflect the detrimental impact upon delivery of projects caused by the Covid pandemic.</p> <p>In March 2021 Government conditionally agreed to a new affordable housing programme for 2021-2022 on the basis that all loan repayments were allocated to support the delivery of additional affordable housing through grant funding.</p> <p>On 31 May 2023 the CA’s Board noted a decision made by the former interim Chief Executive to extend the final repayment date of the loan made to Histon Rd Development LLP (Laragh Homes) to support the development at Histon Road, Cambridge. The final repayment date of this loan was extended to 30th September 2023 or earlier.</p> <p>On 1st October 2023 the loan and interest had not been repaid and protocol correspondence was sent to secure the Combined Authority’s position should there be a requirement to pursue formal default procedure to recover the outstanding loan and interest.</p> <p>The Borrower responded advising that sales of three of the remaining units would complete by 31 October 2023 and the proceeds from these sales would be sufficient to repay the outstanding debt to the Combined Authority.</p> <p>Two sales have since completed and the outstanding debt amounted to £698,014 on 2 November 2023, with interest continuing to accrue at the default rate.</p>
3.2	<p>The table at Appendix A shows the status of each loan at 2 November 2023, and a reduction in the debt since the meeting of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee in September 2023.</p>

4. Appendices

4.1	<p>Appendix A – Summary of loans made from the Affordable Housing Programme.</p>
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5. Implications

Internal Audit Implications	
5.1	<p>In March 2023 the former Housing and Communities Committee were informed that an initial internal review was planned to look into the governance and processes followed in agreeing and managing loan terms between the Combined Authority and private housing developers. This review has yet to take place and will be undertaken when the matter of the remaining outstanding loan concludes. At the time of writing the report one loan has yet to be repaid. Preparatory meetings have however been arranged to commence the process in anticipation of the final loan being repaid.</p>
Financial Implications	
6.1	<p>Loans are repaid as a proportion of sale proceeds from each housing unit on completion of sale. The Combined Authority retains an element of control through its requirement to approve each sale prior to completion, and each development is monitored by officers.</p>

6.2	The loan issued to East Cambridgeshire Trading Company for the project at West End Gardens, Haddenham was repaid with interest in January 2023.
6.3	The loan issued to Laragh Homes for the project at Alexander House, Forehill, Ely was repaid with interest in June 2022.
6.4	The loan issued to Laragh Homes for the project at Linton Rd, Great Abington was repaid with interest in January 2022.
6.5	The loan issued to East Cambridgeshire Trading Company for the project to refurbish former MOD homes in Ely was repaid with interest on 31 March 2023.
6.6	The financial balance sheet at Appendix A shows that the outstanding interest for the loan made to support the development at Histon Road, Cambridge amounted to £698,014 on 2 November 2023.
Legal Implications	
7.1	<p>The recommendations accord with CPCA's powers under Part 4 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251) and with the Committee's Terms of Reference as set out in CPCA's Constitution Chapter 10 para.3.2.9(b).</p> <p>Whilst Laragh Homes has indicated repayment of the outstanding debt is to be repaid on 31st October, Legal Services wrote to Laragh Homes in accordance with the terms of the Facility Agreement to notify them of the breach of the agreed repayment date. These are pre-action protocol steps that need to be initiated to reserve the Authority's position should any enforcement action be required.</p>
Public Health Implications	
8.1	There are no associated implications.
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
9.1	There are no associated implications.
Other Significant Implications	
10.1	The monitoring surveyor's report for October 2023 estimates that a further completion should occur in mid-November, and proceeds from this sale would be sufficient to repay the outstanding balance.
Background Papers	
11.1	N/A

Appendix A : Summary of loans made from the Affordable Housing Programme

Housing Loans – update since last Committee

	Position as at 23rd August 2023			Activity to 2nd November 2023		
	Drawdowns	Repayments	Balance	Drawdowns	Repayments	Revised Balance
Laragh - Histon Road	8,172,355	3,669,653	4,502,703	-	4,502,703	-
<i>Completed loans</i>	-	-	-			
<i>ECTC - Ely MOD</i>	27,418,305	27,418,305	-	-	-	-
<i>ECTC - Haddenham</i>	10,587,481	10,587,481	-	-	-	-
<i>Laragh - Alexander House</i>	4,840,000	4,840,000	-	-	-	-
<i>Laragh - Gt Abingdon</i>	4,746,938	4,746,938	-	-	-	-

Note: table above excludes interest, total amount repayable for Laragh – Histon Road as at 2nd November was £698,014



Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item 11
11 September 2023	

Title:	GSE Net Zero Hub Board Decisions
Report of:	Maxine Narburgh
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith
Public Report:	Yes
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required

Recommendations:

A	To note the decisions made by the Executive Director of Resources & Performance based on the recommendations of the Greater South East Net Zero Hub Board
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Strategic Objective(s):

The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

X	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
	Achieving good growth
	Increased connectivity
X	Enabling resilient communities
	Achieving best value and high performance

The GSE NZH provides technical assistance and grant administration to support decarbonisation and net zero. Objective 4, Place & Connectivity Business Plan is to deliver the Local Net Zero programmes of work to: i) achieve good growth ii) ambitious skills and employment opportunities and iii) resilient communities.

1. Purpose

1.1	On the 26 July 2023 the CPCA Board delegated authority to the Executive Director of Resources & Performance (or substitute) to make decisions on behalf of the Combined Authority when sitting on the Net Zero Hub Board(s). All decisions are to be reported to the Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee and/or Combined Authority Board.
1.2	This report sets out the decisions made at GSE NZ Hub Boards since the delegation was approved.

2. Proposal

2.1	To note the decisions made by the GSENZ Hub Board.
2.2	The decisions made will support the strategic priorities through i) supporting public sector organisations to develop decarbonisation projects ii) the acceleration of net zero projects to commercial investment iii) developing retrofit skills and supply chain and iv) administering grant schemes to further community owner energy projects and provide advice to households on retrofit.

3. Background

3.1	On the 26 July 2023 the CPCA Board delegated authority to the Executive Director of Resources & Performance (or substitute) to make decisions on behalf of the Combined Authority when sitting on the Net Zero Hub Board(s).
3.2	<p>The Executive Director of Resources & Performance made decisions on behalf of the GSENZ Hub Board. The decisions made were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of £66,988 to support projects with external technical consultancy funds to enable bids into the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund in October 2023. These projects are on the shortlist pipeline, receiving Hub support and are detailed in 3.3 • Allocation of £445K technical consultancy funding to support the acceleration of Net Zero shortlist projects to commercial investment. The funding was made available from staffing underspend. These projects are on the shortlist pipeline, receiving Hub support and are detailed in 3.4 • To establish the Greater South East Regional Training Network Steering Group and update the Terms of Reference following the first inaugural meeting. This network has been allocated £150K to pump prime activity across the region and has representation from each sub region in the greater south east. The Retrofit Academy have been commissioned to develop the network and undertake research. • To agree to the Hub administering £2million Community Energy Fund, this is a £10million fund across England to support community energy projects through feasibility grants of up to £40K and development grants of up to £100K. The fund will be open to March 2025. This follows the successful delivery of the Rural Community Energy Fund and is open to urban and rural areas. • To agree to the Hub delivering the Regional Retrofit Skills Pilots and the route to market for applications. 8 applications were received, with 3 being shortlisted for support and another 2 subject to additional funds being made available by the Department for Energy Security & net Zero. These are detailed in 3.9 • An interim Net Zero Hub Board Terms of Reference were agreed to align with the Net Zero MoU and the transition of Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) functions into Local Authorities. The new Hub governance structure and Terms of Reference will be adopted by the Hub Board by 31st March 2024 to align with the closure of LEPs.
3.3	<p>The following decisions were made at the July Board meeting:</p> <p>Approve the Public Sector Decarbonisation skills funding budget for local authority projects with a value of £45-£200k, to provide technical consultancy support to make these projects bid-ready for the autumn 2023 round of the government's Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme fund. Due to the autumn 2023 deadline for Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund (PSDF) submissions, this decision will be taken through Nick Bell, the CPCA GSENZH SRO, using the Local Partnerships evidence base, and reported back to the GSENZH Board meeting.</p> <p>Following support from the Hub and Local Partnerships 2 projects were supported with technical consultancy funding, the value of the 2 applications to PSDF is £9.05million:</p>

Organisation	Project Description	Sites	Item 11 Value
Cherwell District Council	Detailed investment-grade surveys across 1 leisure centre building and 2 pavilions. OnGen surveys already undertaken for leisure centre.	1	£16,988
North Herts District Council	Strategic heat decarbonisation plan created for 6 sites: District Council Offices, North Herts Museum, Hitchin Town Hall, North Herts Leisure Centre, Royston Leisure Centre, and Hitchin Swim Centre (indoor pool only). OnGen surveys already undertaken for 4 sites (District Council Offices, North Herts Museum, Hitchin Town Hall, and Hitchin Swim Centre).	6	£50,000

16 applications in total were supported by the GSENGH team for the Autumn round of PSDS funding.

3.4 The following decisions were made at the September GSENGH Hub Board meeting:
Net Zero Technical Consultancy Support:
To approve the funding allocations for strategic project proposals:

Total value				£445,000
Project	Lead organisation	Appraisal score (Minimum 57%)	LEP	Budget
Community Energy Pathways	Community Energy South	68%	SELEP and Herts LEP	£35,000
Campus decarbonisation - University of Sussex	University of Sussex	72%	C2CLEP	£30,000
Fleet Decarbonisation - Cherwell District Council	Cherwell District Council	77%	OxLEP	£30,000
The SHELF heat network detailed feasibility - Mid Suffolk DC	Mid Suffolk Council	65%	NALEP	£25,000
Colchester Northern Gateway micro-grid de-risking research - Colchester City Council	Colchester Amphora Energy Limited (Colchester City Council)	72%	SELEP	£20,000
Neighbourhood solar PV business model - Brighton and Hove ESCO	BHESCO	76%	C2CLEP	£45,000
Gateway 14 Power storage options - Mid Suffolk DC	Mid Suffolk Council	64%	NALEP	£35,000

	Snetterton Business Park Net Zero Investment Plan - Breckland Council	Breckland Council	62%	NALEP	Item 11 £50,000
	Oxfordshire Solar Projects - securing private wire Offtakers	Oxfordshire County Council	75%	OxLEP	£50,000
	Council solar farm feasibility	East Sussex County Council/Essex County Council	68%	SELEP	£75,000
	Solar farm PPA analysis and business models	GSE Net Zero Hub	71%	Various	£50,000
3.5	<p>Greater South East Regional Training Network</p> <p>a) To approve the establishment and membership of the Greater South East Regional Training Network Steering Group</p> <p>b) To delegate updating the Terms of Reference to the GSE Regional Head</p>				
3.6	<p>Community Energy Fund</p> <p>a) To agree to the GSENZH administering the Community Energy Fund in the GSE</p> <p>b) To accept the Memorandum of Understanding (when received)</p> <p>c) To procure services to provide additional capacity into the Hub</p> <p>d) To set up a Funding Panel to make recommendations to the CPCA to award grants</p> <p>e) To execute corresponding grants, contracts, and agreements.</p>				
3.7	<p>Regional Skills Pilots</p> <p>a) To accept the Memorandum of Understanding (when received) and approve budgets for the GSENZH allocation of funding estimated at £1.1m for a Regional Skills Pilot for the Greater South East.</p> <p>b) To agree the preferred option 3 for delivery model as set out in the GSENZH Board Paper</p> <p>c) To note the guidance notes and terms of the scheme, including the timescales as set out in the GSENZH Board paper.</p> <p>d) To agree to the Hub procuring services advisory/consultancy and research and executing corresponding grants, contracts and agreements as required to deliver the pilot.</p>				
3.8	<p>The following decisions were made at the October GSENZ Hub Board meeting:</p> <p>GSENZ Hub Terms of Reference</p> <p>a) To agree and adopt the interim Terms of Reference, subject to the amendments agreed and clarifications obtained from the CPCA Monitoring officer, as discussed at the GSENZH Board meeting.</p> <p>b) To agree the set up and membership of a Hub Board governance transition working group</p> <p>c) To note that the governance structure should be aligned with local priorities and reflect the breadth of stakeholders in the region, that there will be a transitional period, however, a new governance structure should be approved and new Terms of Reference adopted by 1 April 2024.</p> <p>d) To note that the proposed governance structure will be shaped by DESNZ requirements, views of the Hub board, recommendations from evaluations and the evidence based provided by Local Partnerships.</p> <p>e) To agree that the new governance framework & terms of reference are adopted at the February 2024 Hub Board meeting.</p>				
3.9	<p>Regional Skills Pilots – Project Funding Requests</p> <p>a) To approve projects 1 to 3 in Table 1, referred to in the GSENZH Board Pack 17.10.23, which have passed internal assessment and have been recommended for unconditional approval or approval based on the conditions outlined in Appendix A. (confidential.)</p>				

- b) To approve projects 4 & 5, referred to in the GSENZH Board Pack 17.10.23, subject to additional funds being made available by DESNZ, which have passed internal assessment and been recommended for unconditional approval or approval based on the conditions outlined in Appendix A (confidential.)
- c) To agree to Hub providing staff resource to support the process and individual projects as required (recharged to the Skills MoU)
- d) To agree the procurement of a consultant to provide a synopsis of the individual plans into a single document.

Table 1: Application summary table

	Project Title	Funding Request	Project Lead Organisation	Assessment
1	Retrofit Skills East Sussex	£244.5k	East Sussex County Council	Shortlisted
2	Retrofit Challenge South London	£417k	South London Partnership	Shortlisted
3	Hertfordshire Retrofit Opportunities	£340k	Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership	Shortlisted
4	Surrey Retrofit Skills Pilot	£430k tbc	Surrey County Council	Shortlisted subject to additional funding
5	Retrofit Agenda for Skills in Bucks (RAS/B)	£95.1k - Phase 1	Buckinghamshire Business First	Shortlisted subject to additional funding
6	Retrofit Infrastructure Partnership Programme	£504k	Greater London Authority	Not shortlisted
7	County-based Retrofit skills Understanding of Net-zero Capacity Harnessing (CRUNCH)	£247.4k	Anglia Ruskin University/ Essex County Council	Not shortlisted
8	Retrofit Building Fabric Skills	£160k	Colchester Institute	Not shortlisted

4. Appendices

4.1 None

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 The GSENZH programmes are fully funded and the cost of all support is entirely chargeable to the grants and thus will not increase the Combined Authorities net staffing costs.

Legal Implications

6.1 The Combined Authority Board has the power to delegate its functions, which are not reserved to it, to committees, sub-committees, officers, joint committees or other local authorities pursuant to section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 9EA of the Local Government Act 2000 and regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

6.2 Chapter 4 Rule 4.6.1 of the Combined Authority's Constitution provides that the Combined Authority Board has the power to delegate its functions, which are not reserved to it, to Committees, Sub-Committees, Officers, Joint Committees or other Local Authorities. The Board cannot delegate its functions to individual members of the Board.

6.3	In addition, the Combined Authority Board may delegate functions in accordance with a standing scheme of delegation (adopted and updated from time to time) and by specific delegations given in relation to certain matters.
Public Health Implications	
7.1	The report recommendations will have a neutral impact on public health.
Environmental & Climate Change Implications	
8.1	The report recommendations have positive implication for the environment and climate change, Accelerating public sector decarbonisation projects and the progression of retrofit skills development.
Other Significant Implications	
9.1	All delegation decisions are compliant with the Combined Authority processes and procedures.
Background Papers	
10.1	GSENZH Board Agendas and Minutes: Structure and Governance - Greater South East Net Zero Hub (gsetzerohub.org.uk) CA Board Paper – GSENZH Delegations: CPCA Board Meeting - 26 July 2023



Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee		Agenda Item 13
13 November 2023		
Title:	Budget and Performance Report	
Report of:	Tim Greenwood, Finance Manager	
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Chair of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee	
Public Report:	Yes	
Key Decision:	No	
Voting Arrangements:	No vote required.	

Recommendations:	
A	Note the financial position of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Division for the financial year 23/24 to September 2023
B	Review and comment on the current Environment and Sustainable Communities budgets within the Combined Authority's Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme.

Strategic Objective(s):	
The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
x	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
x	Achieving good growth
x	Achieving best value and high performance

1. Purpose	
1.1	To provide an update of the financial position for 2023/24 and to provide analysis against the 2023/24 budgets, up to the period ending September 2023

2. Background	
2.1	At the last meeting, the Committee was provided with an analysis of the 2023/24 performance against budget to June 2023. This report provides an update covering up to September 2023.

3. Revenue Expenditure

3.1 A breakdown of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Revenue Expenditure for the period to 30 September 2023 is set out in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Environment and Sustainable Communities Revenue Expenditure	23/24 Actual YTD £k	23/24 Budget YTD £k	23/24 Variance YTD £k	23/24 Budget FY £k	23/24 FO FY £k	23/24 Variance FY £k	23/24 Deferral £k
Climate Change	13	20	-7	50	50	0	-
Environment and Spatial Planning Staff	104	124	-19	248	248	0	-
Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Revenue	0	20	-20	100	100	0	-
Natural Cambridgeshire	0	32	-32	80	80	0	-
GSE Net Zero Investment Design	12	313	-301	12	12	0	-
HUG1 - Revenue	73	223	-150	433	433	0	-
HUG2 A Revenue 23/24	308	0	308	6192	3942	-2,250	-
LAD3 - Revenue - (Sustainable Warmth)	385	1,214	-829	2429	2429	0	-
Local Energy Advice Demonstrator	28	0	28	0	2170	2,170	-
Net Zero Hub	0	0	0	0	1495	1,495	-
Net Zero Hub Core	428	233	195	1419	1495	76	-
Rural Communities Energy Fund	141	277	-136	445	445	0	-
Public Sector Decarbonisation	38	20	18	1222	230	-992	-
Total Environment Revenue Expenditure	1,530	2,475	-945	12,630	13,129	499	-

3.2 Expenditure to date is £945 lower than budget to date.

3.3 Forecast outturn is expected to be in line with estimated budget, any variance on the net zero hub will either be funded from grant or carried forward to complete the project,

4. Capital Expenditure

4.1 A breakdown of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Capital Expenditure for the period to 30 September 2023 is set out in Table 2 below.

Table 2

Environment and Sustainable Communities Capital Expenditure	23/24 Actual YTD £k	23/24 Budget YTD £k	23/24 Variance YTD £k	23/24 Budget FY £k	23/24 FO FY £k	23/24 Variance FY £k	23/24 Deferral £k
Care Home Retrofit Programme	0	800	-800	2,000	500	-1500	1500
Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Capital	0	290	-290	800	800	0	-
Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve wetland extension	0	92	-92	280	280	0	-
Nature and Environment Investment Fund	0	100	-100	250	250	0	-
Net Zero Villages Programme	0	400	-400	1000	1000	0	-
HUG1 - Capital	1176	2799	-1623	2799	2799	0	-
HUG2 A Capital 23/24	0	0	0	36378	22338	-14,040	-
LAD3 - Capital (Sustainable Warmth)	4264	11281	-7017	7447	7447	0	-
Total Environment Capital Expenditure	5,440	15,762	-10,322	50,954	35,414	-15,540	1500

4.2	<p>Whilst expenditure to date is lower than budget all projects except the care home retrofit programme are expected to spend to budget by the end of the financial year.</p>
4.3	<p>Forecast outturn shows an underspend against budget of £15.5m. With regard to HUG 2 both revenue and capital forecasts are in line with the reduced overall grant funding agreed with DESNZ following submitted Change Requests, the budget going forward needs to be amended to reflect this reduced overall programme. Following this required budget adjustment in future this project will show a balanced position.</p> <p>The Local Energy Advice Demonstrator and Net Zero Hub projects require underspent budgets to be brought forward from 2022/23 and again once this is actioned the projects will show a balanced position.</p> <p>In respect of the Public Sector Decarbonisation project this will not fully deliver in 2023/24 and the final overall underspent budget will be carried forward into 2024/25 to complete and fully deliver the overall project.</p> <p>For the care home refit programme. This is because initial expressions of interest were below expectations, officers are working with care homes to identify any future plans which could be accelerated. The programme has been reviewed with some expenditure slipping into 2024/25.</p>

5. Development of the Medium-Term Financial Plan

5.1	<p>As was reported to the Committee at their last meeting the Combined Authority has been 're-costing' its Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) as part of the annual budget setting cycle. The re-costing exercise is to update the costs of existing commitments within the Combined Authority's services and programmes to reflect changes since the budget was last set in January 2023 – this allows Committees to review the current view of their portfolios for the next 4 years and enables the Combined Authority to review what, if any, headroom is available for new proposals.</p> <p>The table included in Appendix 1 include the results of this work, as it relates to the Environment and Sustainability Committee.</p> <p>The main change is reflecting slippage of the care home refit programme from 2023/24 to 2024/25 as reported above.</p>
5.2	<p>The November Combined Authority Board will be presented with a draft Corporate Plan, incorporating the re-costed MTFP.</p> <p>There is potential for additional proposals to be included into the draft MTFP at this stage and Officers are working with the Combined Authority Board to establish proposals for inclusion in the draft MTFP ahead of the consultation in December.</p>

6. Appendices

6.1	Appendix 1 – Current budget and MTFP
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7. Implications

Financial Implications	
5.1	There are no financial implications other than those included in the main body of the report.
Legal Implications	
6.1	The Combined Authority is required to prepare a balanced budget in accordance with statutory requirements.

Public Health Implications		Item 13
7.1	N/A	
Environmental & Climate Change Implications		
8.1	N/A	
Other Significant Implications		
9.1	N/A	
Background Papers		
10.1	None	

Appendix 1 – Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee Budget and MTFP

The table below sets out the budgets within the Environment and Sustainable Communities Committee's Financial Plan approved in January 2023 and updated for subsequent Committee, Board and Officer decisions. All figures are in thousands of pounds (£'000)

Rev/Cap	Programme
Capital	Care Home Retrofit Programme
Capital	City of Cambridge Culture - Capital
Capital	Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project - Capital
Capital	Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Capital
Capital	Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve wetland extension
Capital	Meanwhile at Core Site, North East Cambridge
Capital	Nature and Environment Investment Fund
Capital	Net Zero Villages Programme
Capital	Waterbeach Depot Solar PV Smart-grid Project for electric Refuse Collection Vehicles
Capital	GSE HUG2 (Capital) -2324
Capital	GSE Green Home Grant Capital - HUG 1
Capital	GSE Green Home Grant Capital - LAD 3
Capital Total	
Revenue	City of Cambridge Culture - Revenue
Revenue	Climate Change
Revenue	Doubling Nature Metrics
Revenue	Future Fens
Revenue	Greater Cambridge Chalk Stream Project - Revenue
Revenue	Huntingdonshire Biodiversity for all - Revenue
Revenue	Lifebelt City Portrait
Revenue	Meanwhile at Core Site, North East Cambridge - Revenue
Revenue	Natural Cambridgeshire
Revenue	Non-Statutory Spatial Framework (Phase 2)
Revenue	Rewilding Programme
Revenue	Delivering the Climate Action Plan
Revenue	GSE HUG2 (Revenue) -2324 CX7043
Revenue	GSE Energy Hub CX0072
Revenue	GSE Green Homes Grant Ph 3 (LAD 3) CX7034
Revenue	GSE Home Improvement Grant (HUG 1) CX7033
Revenue	GSE Net Zero Hub CX7035
Revenue	GSE Net Zero Investment Design CX7036
Revenue	GSE Public Sector Decarbonisation CX7009
Revenue	GSE Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) CX0132
Revenue	HUG2 23/24
Revenue	Local Energy Advice Demonstrator CX1020
Revenue Total	
Grand Total	

remit based on the Medium-Term
 sions.

2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
500	1,500	-	-	-
153	30	-	-	-
60	120	120	-	-
800	500	-	-	-
280	-	-	-	-
-	1,000	-	-	-
250	750	-	-	-
250	750	-	-	-
-	2,700	-	-	-
22,338	29,988	-	-	-
4,112	-	-	-	-
13,234	-	-	-	-
41,977	37,338	120	-	-
113	75	-	-	-
100	100	100	100	100
75	50	-	-	-
70				
40	80	-	-	-
100	50	-	-	-
40	-	-	-	-
-	-	120	-	-
80	70	-	-	-
190	50	-	-	-
75	75	-	-	-
110				
3,942	5,292	-	-	-
1,610	-	-	-	-
3,271	-	-	-	-
454	-	-	-	-
2,669	1,064	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
250	645	340	-	-
445	-	-	-	-
-	0	-	-	-
2,170	2,170	-	-	-
15,804	9,721	560	100	100
57,782	47,059	680	100	100



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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN

Notes

Committee dates shown in bold are confirmed.

The definition of a key decision is set out in the Combined Authorities Constitution in Chapter 6 – Transparency Rules, Forward Plan and Key Decisions, Point 11
<http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/Uploads/CPCA-Constitution-.pdf>

Standing agenda items (shaded blue) are considered at each Committee meeting:

1. Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log
2. CA Forward Plan
3. E&SC Agenda Plan
4. Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update
5. Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update
6. Directorate Highlight Report
7. Climate Partnership Update
8. Budget and Performance Report

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
12.06.23	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley			02.06.23
	Directorate Highlight Report		Steve Cox			
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad Pearce			
	Sustainable Land Use Advice Fund Full Business Case	To approve the development of a revised business case for the sustainable land use advice programme that aligned to the LNRS.	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Community Homes Grant Application	To consider applications for community homes support grants.	Nick Sweeney	No		
	Community Homes Support	To consider discontinuing to provide support to community homes groups.	Nick Sweeney	Yes		
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To agree delegation of budget and approve governance of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Climate Action Plan	To note update on progress, agree a summit proposal and agree the approval process for Care Home Grant Programme grants	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Strategic Infrastructure Delivery Framework	To allocate, subject to approval, budget to undertake work on investigating infrastructure barriers to growth.	Adrian Cannard	No		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	n/a		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
11.09.23	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		01.09.23
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Nick Sweeney	No		
	Unit Swap from Heylo-SN Development to Vistry	Recommend the dissolving of SN Development/Heylo agreement and to be replaced with Heylo/Vistry and refer the grant monies to this project with Vistry.	Azma Ahmad-Pearce			
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley			
13.11.23	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		03.11.23
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Nick Sweeney	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Environment & Sustainable Communities Thematic Performance Report Q2	To receive the quarterly performance report	Kate McFarlane	No		
	Local Nature Recovery Strategy	To receive an update on the LNRS and consider the business case for land manager engagement	Adrian Cannard	No	KD2023/047	
	Affordable Housing Programme-acquiring additional funds	To agree to use the remaining grant funding from one site to assist with the delivery of another.	Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	GSE Net Zero Hub Board Decisions	To update the committee on decisions made under delegation	Maxine Narburgh	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Adrian Cannard	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley			
22.01.24	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		12.01.24
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Steve Cox	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Environment and Sustainable Communities Thematic Performance Report Q3	To receive the quarterly performance report	Kate McFarlane	No		
	Climate Summit Outcomes	To agree any additional response to the Climate Summit outcomes	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Climate Action Plan Review	To agree revisions to the Climate Action Plan 2022-2025	Adrian Cannard	No		
	Infrastructure Delivery Framework	To receive progress report on preparation of Infrastructure Delivery Framework	Steve Cox	No		
	Cultural Services	To approve the business case and associated funding to deliver the Cultural Services Project.	Nathan Bunting	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		
11.03.24	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		01.03.24
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Steve Cox	No		

Committee date	Agenda Item	Report Purpose	Lead Officer	Report to CA Board for decision	Reference if Key decision	Agenda despatch date
	Environment and Sustainable Communities Thematic Performance Report Q4	To receive the quarterly performance report	Kate McFarlane	No		
	Infrastructure Delivery Framework	To agree Infrastructure Delivery Framework	Steve Cox	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair/ Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		
17.06.24	Minutes of previous meeting and Action Log		Jo Morley	No		07.06.24
	Combined Authority Forward Plan	To note				
	Director's Highlight Report		Steve Cox	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Delivery Update – March 2023		Azma Ahmad-Pearce	No		
	Affordable Housing Programme Loans Update		Steve Cox	No		
	Budget & Performance Report		Tim Greenwood			
	Climate Partnership Update		Chair /Mayor	n/a		
	E&SC Agenda/Work Plan		Jo Morley	No		



Environment & Sustainable Communities Committee	Agenda Item
13 November 2023	16

Title:	Affordable Housing Programme – Reallocation of Funding
Report of:	Azma Ahmad-Pearce – Programme Manager
Lead Member:	Councillor Bridget Smith, Lead Member for Housing and Communities
Public Report:	Yes, but with exempt appendices
Key Decision:	No
Voting Arrangements:	A simple majority of voting Members.

Recommendations:	
A	To note the Affordable Housing Programme and the non-delivery of 4 of the 6 Garage sites, which will lead to the loss of 8-11 units in total, this is subject to design and planning.
B	To approve the reallocation of the remaining funding for the Garage sites to the Stanground site, this sum is £332,500.

Strategic Objective(s):	
The proposals within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):	
✓	Achieving good growth – provide the 1400+ homes as agreed by the CPCA (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority) and providers, between 2017-2022, around the CA.
✓	Enabling resilient communities – provide suitable housing and ensuring communities are robust

1. Purpose	
1.1	To set out proposals to reallocate funding within the Affordable Housing Programme and to provide details of both sites concerned.

2. Proposal	
2.1	To reallocate funding within the Affordable Housing Programme from the Garage site to Stanground. Both sites are in Peterborough. The Garage site will only deliver 2 sites of the 6 proposed and they will no longer be able to provide bungalows as first advocated. No further CPCA funding for the Garage sites will be required.

	<p>It is being proposed that the remaining grant amount of £332,500 be used to help fund the Stanground site due to initial cost increases, these being material costs from Europe and the length of time taken for decisions to be made by third parties in processing the site. A change in Building Regulations has led to further increased costs which were not anticipated. The additional funds will help keep Stanground as an all-affordable rented site, and to help families in Peterborough acquire suitable housing.</p> <p>DLUHC (Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) have been made aware and require no further decision from them on the programme. This means that the monies from the Garages can be used to help Stanground become more financially viable, with CKH (Cross Keys Homes) providing the remaining shortfall.</p>
2.2	The Combined Authority's Affordable Housing programme ran from 2017 until 31 March 2022 (schemes having to be started on site by that date).

3. Background

3.1	<p>The Garage Sites came to CPCA as a housing site for grant to the Housing Committee meeting on the 9 of November 2020. This was a proposed site of 6 redundant garage sites to be redeveloped on and provide 19 bungalows for people aged 55+. The site was initially due to start in March 2022 but has developed problems along the way.</p>
3.2	<p>This site had many underlying issues unbeknown to the CPCA, as 4 of the sites now have various problems including a major sewer running underneath, rights of ways issues, contaminated grounds, and boundary wall issues. Due to the cost, it has now been decided to avoid the redevelopment on these sites.</p> <p>Redevelopment of the remaining 2 sites into alternative accommodation seems possible and plans are being drafted. One site will offer 8 flats, and the other site will offer 2 family houses and a possible bungalow, dependent on planning and design.</p>
3.3	<p>Stanground was a site which had many issues, and was due to start earlier, but had party wall issues which took longer to resolve. The site redevelopment started in March of this year.</p> <p>The Stanground units have also had to factor in increased costs due to the new Building Regulations which have come into force and the cost-of-living element making materials more expensive..</p> <p>This site was to provide 18 flats and 8 houses. PCC were particularly happy that the site was to be an all-affordable rented site and it would help place homeless families on their waiting list with much needed housing. This site was approved for grant on 22nd June 2020, with a grant total of £1,170,000. At the time of the Committee Meeting, these funds were adequate to produce the 26 homes at an affordable rent.</p>
3.4	<p>Both the Garage and the Stanground sites acquired their first tranche of grant in April/May 2022, due to the contract of works being signed. However, the Garages site started to fall into disarray, with both sites showing lengthy delays in starting on site (SOS), and further stalling because of additional expenses due to the cost of living, inflation at an all-time high and material delays. The additional cost amount for Stanground is £430k, to help with viability and maintaining the site as an affordable rented site.</p>
3.5	<p>The Garage sites will not require the second tranche or final payment of grant. This means there is an additional £332,500 still available. This £332,500 could be used to fund the additional costs brought on at Stanground. The shortfall of approximately £97,500 will be delivered by CKH.</p>
3.6	<p>The full site with the extra funds will remain at an affordable rent for the people of Peterborough, DLUHC have been made aware and CPCA do not require any further decisions from them, and therefore it is now the Committee's decision to agree the transfer of funds from the Garage sites to Stanground.</p>
3.7	<p>An additional Deed of Variation and a virement will be drafted, signed, and agreed to the sums being transferred from one site to the other. CKH have no further claim on the grant for the Garages site. A smaller number of units will be delivered on the two remaining Garage sites.</p>

3.8	PCC can confirm their support for CKH's request to CPCA to agree to the reallocation of unspent funds from the garage site development scheme to Stanground to get this project back on track in terms of delivering the much-needed rented tenure homes as originally intended.
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4. Appendices

4.1	EXEMPT Appendix 1 – CKH Email request
4.2	EXEMPT Appendix 2 – CKH Funding Request to CPCA
4.3	EXEMPT Appendix 3 – Email trail: CKH, PCC and DHLUC

5. Implications

Financial Implications

5.1	The remaining £332,500 (the final part payment for the Garage sites) will be used to help make Stanground financially viable and remain as an all-affordable rented site. The Garage sites has received its full amount of grant in its entirety, and it will deliver 8 or 11 new units on the 2 remaining Garage sites, subject to design and planning.
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Legal Implications

6.1	There are no new legal implications. A further Deed of Variation will be required to note the change in the number of units being delivered at the Garage sites and that the remaining funds are being transferred to the Stanground site.
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Public Health Implications

7.1	There are no known public health implications.
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Environmental & Climate Change Implications

8.1	There are no new Environmental or Climate change implications.
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Other Significant Implications

9.1	None
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Background Papers

10.1	Housing Committee Report 9 November 2020– (Previously known as HUSK Site, now referred to as Garage sites) Husk Sites (Garage & Infill Sites)
10.2	Housing Committee Report 22 June 2020.– Stanground, Peterborough Report