

Housing and Communities Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 6 September 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Monday 13 September 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Announcements

Apologies received from Councillor Steve Allen, Councillor John Howard attended as substitute. Councillor Ambrose Smith, Councillor Anna Bailey attended as substitute and Councillor Alison Whelan, Councillor Lucy Nethsingha attended as substitute.

Councillor Anna Bailey declared an interest as a Trustee of the East Cambridgeshire Community Land Trust.

1.2 Minutes of the Housing and Communities Committee meeting on 21 June 2021 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 21 June 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

The action log was noted.

1.3 Public Questions

No public questions were received.

1.4 Housing and Communities Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

1.5 Combined Authority Forward Plan

It was resolved to note the Forward Plan.

Part 2 – Recommendations to the Combined Authority Board

2.1 £100k Homes Policy Closure

It was resolved by majority to:

- a) Approve and recommend the report regarding ceasing the promotion and implementing the closure of the £100k Homes policy to the CPCA Board.
- b) Communicate with all those who have registered an interest on the First £100k Homes scheme and advise of the affordable housing schemes already being supported by the CPCA with contact details.

Part 3 - Programme Delivery

3.1 Eight Combined Authority Affordable Housing Principles 2022 to 2025

It was resolved unanimously to:

- endorse affordable housing (AH) delivery as a continuing priority for the Combined Authority (CA),
- recognise that further additionality on affordable housing by the CA is dependent on decisions still to be advised by MHCLG including their contributions to be confirmed to the CA successfully completing its 2017 to 2022 delivery, and their willingness to fund an ongoing delivery 2022 to 2025 affordable housing programme.

3.2 £100m Affordable Housing Programme Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the report.
- b) Note a reduction in the proposed grant rate on the scheme at the former East Anglia galvanizing works previously approved at Housing and Communities Committee on 9 November 2020 from the level of £3,830,725 (equating to £49,750 per unit) to £3,464,615 (equating to an average rate of £44,995 per unit).

3.3 (i) £100m Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals – Heylo: SN Developments & Larkfleet

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Commit grant funding of £1,209,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 27 affordable homes, with shared ownership units in Harrier's Rest in Wittering, Peterborough, Haddenham, in East Cambridgeshire and at Whittlesey Green, Whittlesey in Fenland. This will replace the two sites from our March Town Centre sites which, if possible, will be substituted. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from BEIS & MHCLG and MHCLG confirming that CPCA having the ability to substitute non-progressing sites from the original 2021/22 programme.

3.3 (ii) £100m Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals - Bayard Plaza

It was resolved by majority to:

a) Committing grant funding of £1,800,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 40 new affordable flats of the rent to buy product at Bayard Plaza, Peterborough, with Rentplus. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from BEIS & MHCLG and MHCLG approving the Rentplus delivery model. Rentplus will be required to offer these properties through the Council's Choice Based Lettings scheme.

3.3 (iii) £100m Affordable Housing Programme Scheme Approvals - YBS with Rentplus

It was resolved by majority to:

a) Committing grant funding of £4,320,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 96 affordable new homes, with Rentplus, in Peterborough. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from BEIS & MHCLG and MHCLG approving the Rentplus delivery model. Rentplus will be required to offer these properties through the Council's Choice Based Lettings scheme.

Part 4 – Date of the next meeting

4.1 It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 3 November 2021.

Key: Changes/additions in Bold