

Item 8.1: Motion on Notice from Councillor Bridget Smith

Recent correspondence from MHCLG and from Minister Luke Hall MP has highlighted their serious concerns about the CPCA's £100m Affordable Housing Programme and this has resulted in the scheme, in its current form, being closed with the potential loss of £45m. Failure to realise the expected Value for Money, as detailed in the Devolution Deal and the business case agreed with MHCLG, has been singled out along with failures to reliably identify eligible schemes. Officers were unable to give a full and satisfactory explanation at the recent CPCA Housing and Communities Committee meeting. In order to fully understand what has gone wrong and what lessons can be learnt, as well as reestablishing public and housing sector confidence in the CPCA, the Board supports the urgent implementation of an independent audit of the whole of the £100m Affordable Housing Programme.

The Monitoring Officer has confirmed that the motion is in order as drafted.