



HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 2.1
14 SEPTEMBER 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SET-UP GRANT

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1. To consider the proposed CLT set-up grant as detailed in Appendix 1.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Boden
Lead Officer:	Emma Grima - Director Commercial
Forward Plan Ref: N/A	Key Decision: No
The Housing and Communities Committee is recommended to: (a) Approve the grant criteria and application form as set out in Appendix 1	Voting arrangements Simple majority of all Members

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Community Land Trusts (CLT) are a mechanism to deliver community-led housing. Community-led housing is an attractive and affordable alternative to conventional housing can be part of the answer; where communities come together to design and build affordable homes for the benefit of local households most in need.
- 2.2. The Combined Authority vision for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is to have the most advanced community-led housing sector in the UK, where local people in confident, and resilient communities have access to the skills and expertise to create attractive local homes that they can genuinely afford.
- 2.3. Housing plays an important role in the growth of our local economy but across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, too many young people and families are unable to stay in their communities, close to their place of work, because they cannot access decent housing that they can genuinely afford on their local incomes.

- 2.4. To support the ‘scaling up’ of community-led housing across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the Combined Authority can:
- mobilise public support for new homes;
 - widen the range of housing products that are available, including homes for local people that are priced out of home ownership;
 - boost community ownership of assets;
 - diversify the local house building market, building collaboration, innovation, skills and local supply chains;
 - inspire stronger local communities with increased confidence, capacity and control.
- 2.5. On 30 October 2019 (Agenda Item 3.1), the Combined Authority Board approved an allocation of £100,000 to be made available for the creation of Community Land Trusts across the Combined Authority area.
- 2.6. The first step to enabling communities to set up as a CLT will be to make a grant available to them that will assist to relieve the burden of some of the set up costs associated with becoming a CLT. It is proposed that the Combined Authority provides a grant of up to £5,000 that will facilitate incorporation.
- 2.7. The criteria and application form are provided at Appendix 1 for approval.
- 2.8. The Combined Authority will actively engage with the individual constituent council where a community is seeking to establish a CLT in the relevant area.
- 2.9. Once more CLTs are established across the Combined Authority area a Full Business case will be compiled and presented to the Combined Authority Board for approval. It is not yet possible to complete the Full Business Case as it is not yet known what interventions, if any, are needed to enable the delivery of CLTs across the Combined Authority area.
- 2.10. As part of the preparation for the business case Officers will actively engage with each local authority area, initially through the Sub-Regional Housing Board to explain the concept of community-led development and the work that the Combined Authority is planning to undertake to develop the business case. Consultation will also be undertaken with this Housing & Communities Committee.
- 2.11. At this stage in the process the Housing & Communities Committee is being asked to approve the grant criteria and application form that is provided at Appendix 1. Once an application for a grant is received it will be assessed by Officers and a recommendation will be made to the Housing & Communities Committee as to whether to award the grant.

SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1. There are no financial implications.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The recommendation accord with CPCA's Constitution (September 2019) and powers under Part 4 Article 11 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Order 2017 (SI 2017/251).

4.2 The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Parts 2 and 3 of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings)(England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

5.0 OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Equality Impact Assessment not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – CPCA CLT set-up grant criteria and application form

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
£100k Homes and Community Land Trusts- Combined Authority Board- 30 October 2019- Agenda Item 3.1	Combined Authority Website.