



HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 3.1
27 APRIL 2020	PUBLIC REPORT

£70M CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the £70 million Affordable Housing Programme being led by Cambridge City Council as part of the Devolution Deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- 1.2. The update is based on the report 'Update on the Programme to Build New Council Homes Funded through the Combined Authority' most recently published for Cambridge City Council Housing Scrutiny Committee. Please note the committee did not meet so the report is yet to be approved.
- 1.3. Cambridge City Council provides performance updates to the Combined Authority on its housing programme and the next is proposed to be in March 2020.

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Boden, Portfolio Holder Housing and Chair of Housing and Communities Committee
Lead Officer:	Roger Thompson, Director Housing and Development
Forward Plan Ref: n/a	Key Decision: No
The Housing and Communities Committee is recommended to: (a) Note the report on spend and outputs for the £70 million Affordable Housing Programme	Voting arrangements A simple majority of all members.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Affordable Housing Programmes for both the Combined Authority and City Council run for five years from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2022.
- 2.2. The Combined Authority is the Accountable Body for the Devolution Deal and all funding that comes from Government as a result. Cambridge City Council makes claims against expenditure incurred within its programme to the Authority on a quarterly basis and provides performance updates on the same frequency.

3.0 CURRENT REPORTING POSITION & PROGRAMME PROGRESS

- 3.1. Cambridge City Council have advised that they will continue to provide update reports on progress against the £70m programme. These are issued to the Combined Authority once they have been through the City Councils scrutiny process. Due to the timings of the respective meetings the latest position reported on the Cambridge City programme may not always align with the CPCA Housing & Communities meeting, so the most recent report will be presented.
- 3.2. Appendix A provides the latest report from Cambridge City and position on the programme.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. We are advised by MHCLG that Cambridge City have received £17m of the £70m direct from MHCLG since the last meeting. There are no other financial implications other than those set out in the body of the report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The obligations within the devolution deal require the Combined Authority to ensure the funds are spent in line with its Assurance, Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks. CPCA and Cambridge City have agreed a statement of partnership working providing a structure for the CPCA to evaluate the programme.

6.0 APPENDICIES

Appendix A – 17th March Cambs city Housing scrutiny report with appendix 1

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>
	https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/

Cambridge City Council Housing Scrutiny Committee 18 June 2019 (Item 11)	
DCLG Approved Business Case	Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Alconbury
Devolution Deal 2016	Enterprise Campus, Alconbury Weald,
Assurance Framework	Huntingdon PE28 4XA
Monitoring and Evaluation Framework	http://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/