

Housing and Communities Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Wednesday 3 November 2021

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Decision Review deadline: Wednesday 10 November 2021

Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Announcements

Apologies received from Councillor Alison Whelan (substituted by Councillor Lucy Nethsingha), Councillor Ryan Fuller (substituted by Councillor Jon Neish) and Councillor Dee Laws (substituted by Councillor Samantha Hoy).

Councillor Lewis Herbert declared an interest in item 2.2 on the agenda as his partner was a Board Member for Cross Key Homes.

1.2 Minutes of the Housing and Communities Committee meeting on 6th September 2021 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 6th September 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

The action log was noted.

1.3 Public Questions

One public question was 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 – Programme Delivery

2.1 Connecting Cambridgeshire Strategy Review

It was resolved by unanimously to:

- a) Approve the refreshed Digital Connectivity Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 2021-2025.
- b) Note and endorse the proposal to submit a business plan with delivery milestones for approval to the Committee in January 2022.

2.2 Implementation Update of the revised Affordable Housing Programme

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the outcome of the Ministers decision for the CPCA 2021/22 Affordable Housing Programme and the implications for any CPCA aspiration for an affordable housing programme beyond March 2022
- b) Note the slight reductions in the unit numbers and amount of grant being provided on the two schemes below that have previously been approved by Housing Committee;
 - British Sugar Way, Peterborough 74 units change to 70 units.
 Grant initially was 3,040,000 is being reduced to 2,830,000 pro-rata at the same rate per unit as originally approved.
 - Great Haddon, London Road, Yaxley, Peterborough 60 units change to 58 units. The grant initially was 2,270,000 is being reduced to 2,194,333 pro-rata at the same rate per unit as originally approved.

2.3 £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme: Gloucester Centre, Morpeth Close, Orton Longueville, Peterborough

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Committing grant funding of £1,438,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 36 new affordable homes, as additionality on the above site, with a tenure mix of 10 affordable rented homes and 26 of shared ownership homes. DLUHC have already confirmed their approval of this as a substitute for a non-proceeding site.

Part 3 – Date of the next meeting

3.1 It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Monday 10 January 2022.

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