

Agenda Item No: 2.8

Houghton & Wyton CLT Start-up Grant Application

To: Housing and Communities Committee

Meeting Date: 15 March 2021

Public report: Yes

Lead Member: Councillor Chris Boden, Lead Member for Housing and Chair of the

Housing and Communities Committee.

From: Emily Mulvaney, Community Housing Programme Manager

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: N/A

Recommendations: The Housing and Communities Committee is recommended to

a) Approve the award of £5,000 to Houghton & Wyton CLT under the

CLT Start-up Grant Fund.

Voting arrangements: A simple majority of all Members

1. Purpose

1.1 To present Houghton & Wyton CLT's application for CLT Start-up Grant Funding to the Housing and Communities Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 14 September 2020 the Housing and Communities Committee approved the establishment of a CLT Start-up Grant of £5,000 per group for new and emerging community-led housing groups. The Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021 2025, which was approved by Combined Authority Board on 27 January 2021, includes £100,000 per annum for Community Land Trust and £100K Homes project costs including the provision of start-up grants. On 27 January 2021 the Combined Authority Board also received and approved the full CLT Business Case.
- 2.2 The purpose of the CLT Start-up Grant is to relieve the burden of some of the set up costs associated with becoming a CLT, and encourage more CLTs to come forward across the region and engage with the Community Housing team at the Combined Authority.
- 2.3 The Houghton & Wyton CLT steering group have engaged with the Combined Authority Community Housing team and officers at Huntingdonshire District Council, who support their set-up.
- 2.4 The emerging CLT group are committed to providing affordable homes for the local community, as well as providing, managing and safeguarding other community facilities and amenities such as open green space for community benefit.

Significant Implications

3. Financial Implications

3.1 A budget of £100,000 per annum for CLT and £100K Homes project costs, including the award of CLT Start-up Grants, has been approved as part of the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021 – 2025.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The recommendation accords with CPCA's 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. Other Significant Implications

5.1 There are no other significant implications.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 – Houghton & Wyton CLT Start-up Grant Application Form

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Community Land Trust Start-up Grant report Housing and Communities Committee, 14 September 2020. Available on the <u>Combined Authority Website</u>.
- 7.2 Community Land Trust Business Case Combined Authority Board, 27 January 2021. Available on the <u>Combined Authority Website</u>.
- 7.3 Medium-Term Financial Plan 2021 to 2025 Combined Authority Board, 27 January 2021. Available on the <u>Combined Authority Website</u>.