

Housing and Communities Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 11 January 2021

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Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Appointment of Chair for the meeting

Councillor Dee Laws was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

1.2 Announcements, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Councillor Boden, Councillor Laws attended as substitute, Councillor Fuller, Councillor Neish attended as substitute, Councillor Hickford, Councillor Bates attended as substitute and Councillor Smith

Councillor Ambrose- Smith declared a non-statutory disclosable interest on item 3.3 (i) £100m Affordable Housing Programme - Wisbech Road, Littleport, East Cambridgeshire this was in his County Council, District Council and Parish Council Division.

Councillor Bates declared a non-statutory disclosable interest item 3.3 (ii) £100m Affordable Housing Programme - Great Haddon, Off London Road, Yaxley, Peterborough as this was in his County Council Division.

1.3 Minutes of the Housing and Communities Committee meeting on 9 November 2020 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 9 November 2020 were approved as an accurate record. A copy will be signed by the Chairman when it is practical to do so.

The action log was noted

1.4 Public Questions

Two questions were received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.5 Culture and Tourism

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Invite the Combined Authority Board to amend Chapter 10 [Housing & Communities Committee] of the Constitution so as to delete the words "(a) Culture and Tourism" in paragraph 3.2.9 and replace "(b)" with "(a)".
- b) Invite the Combined Authority Board to note that culture and tourism would continue to form part of the Business Board's remit to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.
- c) Invite the Business Board to provide comment to the Combined Authority Board on the recommendation at (a).

1.6 Housing and Communities Committee Agenda Plan

It was resolved to note the agenda plan.

1.7 Combined Authority Forward Plan

It was resolved to note the forward plan

Part 2 - Recommendations to Combined Authority Board

2.1 Community Land Trusts - Business Case

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Recommend the Combined Authority Board approve the Community Land Trust Business Case at Appendix 1 of the report.

Part 3 - Programme Delivery

3.1 £70m Cambridge City Council Affordable Housing Programme Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the report on spend and outputs for the £70 million Affordable Housing Programme, and the next report will be provided in March 2021.

3.2 £100 million Affordable Housing Update

It was resolved by majority to:

- a) Note the progress of the delivery of the £100m affordable housing programme
- b) Approve the prioritisation of existing funds with a focus on schemes that are expected to start on site before end March 2021 as listed in appendix 4 of the report and hold back on completing already unconditionally approved schemes as listed in appendix 5 of the report pending receipt of further monies from MHCLG.

3.3 (i) £100m Affordable Housing Programme - Wisbech Road, Littleport, East Cambridgeshire

It was resolved by majority to:

- a) Committing grant funding of £1,576,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 38 additional affordable homes comprising a mix of rented and shared ownership homes in East Cambridgeshire. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from MHCLG.
- 3.3 (ii) £100m Affordable Housing Programme Luminus Cluster site, Phase 2, Huntingdonshire

It was resolved by majority to:

- a) Commit grant funding of £749,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 15 additional affordable homes, all for social rent in Huntingdonshire. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from MHCLG.
- 3.3 (iii) £100m Affordable Housing Programme Great Haddon, Off London Road, Yaxley, Peterborough

It was resolved by majority to:

a) Commit grant funding of £2,270,000 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 60 affordable homes, with a mixture of affordable rent and shared ownerships units in Peterborough. Subject to confirmation of the release of balancing monies for the £100m programme from MHCLG and the release of monies from another already approved grant scheme being confirmed as not progressing, that will result in the

total grant monies committed to the grant programme being no more than £60 million.

3.4 Update on Community Land Trusts and £100k Homes

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Note the update provided in this report.

Part 4 – Date of the next meeting

4.1 It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Monday 15 March 2021.