

Housing and Communities Committee Decision Summary

Meeting: Monday 15 March 2021

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Part 1 - Governance Items

1.1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest and Announcements

Apologies received from Councillor Mike Sargeant, Councillor Mike Davey attended as substitute.

No declarations of interest were made.

The Chairman announced that item 2.8 and the agenda, Houghton & Wyton Community Land Trust - Start Up Grant Application had been removed from the agenda due to further clarification being required on the information presented within the application.

The Chairman also announced that a replacement report had been published for agenda item 2.1 relating to the £100M Affordable Housing Programme.

1.2 Minutes of the Housing and Communities Committee meeting on 11 January 2021 and Actions

The minutes of the meeting on 11 January 2021 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

1.3 Public Questions

Questions received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and taken at agenda item 2.1.

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 £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme – Urgent Report

It was resolved by majority to recommend that the CPCA Board:

- i. Approve the revised proposals for the future delivery and completion of the £100m Affordable Housing Programme as outlined in paragraph 3.3.
- iii. Instruct the Chief Executives to inform the MHCLG of the recommendation as agreed and bring forward a report to the Board the arrangements for the implementaion of the revised scheme.

It was resolved unanimously to recommend that the CPCA Board:

ii. Note the revised arrangements for the operation and completion of the £70m Cambridge City Housing Programme.

2.2 £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.

2.3 Update Report on North East Cambridge Programme

It was resolved unanimously to:

Note the report (approved by Executive Councillor following scrutiny at Strategy and Resources Committee, Cambridge City Council on February 8th 2021) and presentation as an update on the North East Cambridge Programme

2.4 £100 million Affordable Housing Update

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Note the progress of the delivery of the £100m affordable housing programme.
- b) Approve the prioritisation and release of existing funds on further schemes from the existing programme that are expected to start on site before end March 2021, as listed in appendix 4.

*Recommendation b: Noting that the British Sugar Way Scheme had been removed from the programme at appendix 4.

2.5 (i) £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme Heylo Portfolio

It was resolved by majority to:

a) Commit grant funding of £2,168,625 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 60 affordable homes of shared ownership homes all over the region, East Cambridgeshire, Peterborough City Council and Huntingdonshire.

2.5 (ii) £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme Alconbury Weald, Rentplus

It was resolved unanimously to:

a) Committing grant funding of £989,325 from the £100m Affordable Housing programme to enable delivery of 22 additional affordable homes, with a range of rent to buy homes at Alconbury Weald, Huntingdonshire.

2.6 Update on Community Land Trusts and £100k Homes

It was resolved by majority to:

- a) Note the update provided in this report.
- b) Approve amendments to the £100K Homes Allocations Policy.

2.7 Oakington Community Land Trust - Start Up Grant Application

It was resolved unanimously to

a) Approve the award of £5,000 to Oakington CLT under the CLT Start-up Grant Fund.

Part 3 – Date of the next meeting

3.1 It was resolved to:

Note the date of the next meeting as Monday 21 June 2021.