

### **SCR HOUSING EXECUTIVE BOARD**

## 13th JULY 2016

### **BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD**

No.	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	Present:	
	Board Members Mayor Ros Jones, DMBC – Chair Huw Bowen, CBC Simon Carr, LEP / Henry Boot	
	Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Greaves (BaDC), Mike Hase (DDDC) and Tom Bell (RMBC).	
	In Attendance Dave Sheridan, Keepmoat Jolyon Harrison, Gleesons Scott Cardwell, DMBC Katie Jackson, SCC / SCR Exec Team Naz Parker, HCA Rob Pearson, HCA Ed Ferrari, SU Paul Bedwell, Spawforths Tony Stacey, SYHA Julie Hurley, SCR Exec Team Michael Hellewell, SCR Exec Team Craig Tyler, Joint Authorities Governance Unit	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st June 2016 were presented for consideration and agreed to be an accurate record.	
	The following matters were noted as arising:-	
	2.5. SCR Housing Offer – Private Sector Support It was noted that a specification/ brief for the areas of activity where Dave Sheridan had offered to support the work of the Board has now been produced. Further meetings are planned	

	to progress this matter in the coming days, with activity likely to commence by early August.	
	Action: Michael to progress	МН
	Regarding the ongoing plans for the development of a centralised Housing Delivery Team, it was noted this is being progressed in tandem with the review of the SCR Executive Team and worked up plans will be brought to a future meeting of the Board.	
	Action: Huw / Michael to present when available	нв/ мн
	2.9. Social Housing Workshop It was agreed the initiative would be best referred to as the Social Housing Compact going forward and requested more information regarding the Compact be presented to the next meeting.	
	Action: Michael to include on the agenda for the next meeting	МН
3	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of interest relating to the business to be transacted at the meeting were noted.	
4	<u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u>	
	No urgent items were requested.	
5	SCR Priority Sites / Pipeline	
	A paper and supporting presentation were delivered to provide the Board with an update on the Priority Sites database, and an analysis of the contribution of Priority Sites to delivery of housing growth in the City Region.	
	Key data was provided on the broad types of support required to bring sites forward, the ownership of sites, and a basic analysis of their location characteristics.	
	Members were asked to consider whether to support the report's conclusion that there remains a healthy pipeline of sites in the short/medium term, but there will be a need to ensure that new sites are identified and brought forward on a continuing basis.	
	Members were also asked to note the ongoing challenge of delivering all priority sites and meeting baseline and additional housing requirements in the City Region.	

It was noted a new category has been added to the colour classifications: Yellow – sites that were originally deemed 'orange' but have now been unlocked for delivery. It was suggested the yellow category constitutes a good news story and a communicable narrative is required to explain what we've done to unlock 4600 units.

# Action: Michael / Ed to consider how we might communicate this wider

MH/EF

Members recognised the significant scale of what needs to be achieved to meet new housing completion aspirations and suggested all interventions will need to be firing on all cylinders if we are to achieve our ambitions. It was further noted that as the trajectories are subject to a significant number of assumptions, the inclusion of 'midpoints' in all statistical reports is a means of balancing out the unknown factors.

The Board discussed the fundamental problem of LAs not being able to report how many completions they have delivered, due to a lack of any mandatory need to do so and the prevalence of varying processes in place in districts to determine the figures.

# Action: Michael to include 'monitoring framework' on the August agenda

MH

It was also agreed that completions need to be netted off against reductions to give a true increase figure.

Members endorsed the suggested conclusions and implications contained within the presentation. In respect of the suggestion that 'priority sites' won't be enough to meet higher targets for housing growth, it was agreed that appropriate recognition needs to be given to the contribution of all sites. It was suggested a database of 'all sites' would be a useful tool and part of the monitoring framework (subject to commercial sensitivities being addressed to the satisfaction of all parties).

# Action: Michael / Scott to lead debate at Directors of Housing regarding how such a database of all sites might be devised

MH/SC

The Board considered the potential investment opportunities that might be opened up post-brexit.

#### **RESOLVED**, that the Board:

1. Notes the progress made in updating the Priority Sites Database and acknowledges the contributions of all partners in achieving this. 2. Note the key messages and conclusions arising from analysis of the database as reported in the report 3. Note and endorse the next steps outlined in the report Review of Progress against the HEB Business Plan 6 Members were reminded that earlier in 2016 the HEB agreed a comprehensive and ambitious Business Plan and were presented with a report providing a summary of progress against the key milestones for each of the projects/ schemes detailed in the Business Plan. It was noted that building on progress to date, the report recommends the proposed focus of activity for the next six months, enabling SCR to build on the current momentum and move the focus of activity from strategy to delivery. The Board again recognised the correlation between areas of under delivery (against expectation) and the ongoing issue of limited central resource support. The Board noted plans in development in relation to a SCR Housing Summit (planned for Autumn 2016) and suggested this needs to capture the concerns and interests of both large and small developers as part of the approach. Action: Michael / Scott to address MH It was noted there is a Housebuilders Federation forum planned for October 2016 and suggested that 'SCR' might be afforded a slot on the agenda. MH Action: Jolyon / Michael to consider Members considered the need to determine what the SCR's unique selling points are, to ensure a convincing argument can be presented to developers for why they should be investing here. It was suggested this could take the form of a 'complete package' / account manager approach which circumvents the requirement for a developer to engage with every facet (e.g. planning, transport, highway etc...) of an individual LA. Action: Michael / Scott to lead debate on this matter at MH/SC **Directors of Housing** 

8	Devolution Workstream Update	
	RESOLVED: That the Board note the linkages as set out in Appendix A of the report	
	Action: ALL to provide any comments to Michael	ALL
	Members were also asked to note it has been recognised as essential that other Boards are involved and sighted on some activities of mutual interest.	
	It was suggested the workstreams of the SCR Executive Boards are inextricably linked, with a number of work streams of key importance to multiple Boards and to clarify lead responsibilities, the SCR has assigned a 'Lead Board' for each thematic area, with the 'Lead Board' responsible for strategic direction and the oversight/ sign off of a range of project based activity.	
	A paper was presented providing a first draft of a high level account of the key thematic links across all of SCRs Executive Boards.	
7	Key Thematic Links – Infrastructure, Transport and Housing	
	3. Approve the proposed arrangements for future Business Plan progress reports to the Housing Executive Board	
	2. Endorse the proposed focus of activity for the next six months	
	<ol> <li>Note the progress made against the key milestones identified in the Housing Executive Board Business Plan for 2016/17</li> </ol>	
	RESOLVED, that the Board:	
	Action: Michael / Scott to debate the provision of consistent completion data at Directors of Housing	WIII / GC
	The Board again recognised the issue that such activity is somewhat predicated on the availability of adequate baseline completion data against which progress can be measured and considered whether New Homes Bonus returns might be a source for this data.	MH / SC
	It was suggested this work might act as a precursor for determining the potential benefits of mayoral development corporations and could also be used to identify examples of best practise from the districts.	

Following on from the matters presented at item 6, the Board was provided with additional updates pertaining to matters related to, or dependent on, devolution. Regarding current consultation on the mayoral combined authority draft scheme, members were advised that a dedicated website has been set up to provide a central point of reference for all information and receipt of responses. It was recognised there is a significant amount of work to undertake in respect of what planning related powers a mayor would have, and how these might be aligned to solving barriers to the delivery of our SEP-based barriers aspirations e.g. new housing numbers. 9 **HCA Update** Members were presented with a report providing an update on HCA investment and Housing delivery in Sheffield City Region (SCR) detailing delivery within 2015-16 financial year. This highlighted progress on key initiatives/projects and provides detail of the pipeline of Housing Delivery to support SCR's ambitions for growth and supply of affordable homes. In relation to matters which might affect HCA led programmes, it was suggested there might be a slowdown in announcements coming from government given brexit related issues. Regarding the government making available £4.7bn of capital grant between 2016 and 2021 to deliver starts on site to deliver 135,000 homes for Help to Buy: Shared Ownership; 10,000 homes for Rent to Buy; and 8,000 homes for supported and older people's rental accommodation; it was suggested such levels of funding are unprecedented and noted that plans are being formulated to enable the submission of a bid for funding ahead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September deadline. RESOLVED, that the Board note the matters contained in the HCA update report 10 Agree Items for Combined Authority Meeting – 1st August None. 11 **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 24th August, 10.00am at Broad Street West,

Sheffield