

SCR HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

29th MARCH 2018

BROAD STREET WEST, SHEFFIELD

No.	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Present:</p> <p><u>Board Members</u> Mayor Ros Jones (DMBC) – CHAIR Cllr Tricia Gilby (CBC) Martin McKervey (LEP) Simon Carr (LEP) John Mothersole (SCC) Neil Taylor (BaDC) Chris Scholey (LEP)</p> <p><u>Also in Attendance</u> Phil Spurr (BMBC) Tony Stacey (SYHA) Neil Firth (DMBC) Jolyon Harrison (MJ Gleeson) Simon Mann (EA) Janet Sharpe (SCC) Sharon Kemp (RMBC) Damien Wilson (RMBC) Mark Lynam (SCR Exec Team) Michael Hellewell (SCR Exec Team) Colin Blackburn (SCR Exec Team) Craig Tyler (Joint Authorities Governance Unit)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Board Members Huw Bowen (CBC) and Owen Michaelson (LEP) + Matt Gladstone (BMBC), Dave Sheridan (Keepmoat), Peter Dale (DMBC) and Paul Bedwell (Spawforths)</p>	
2	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None noted.</p>	
3	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th February were agreed to be an accurate record.</p>	

	<p>The following matters were noted as arising:</p> <p>It was reported the recently reformed SCR Heads of Planning Group is co-ordinating the production of a matrix of information regarding where each district is with its local plan making processes and related activities. The Group is due to meet next on the 12th April. The matrix will be made available to Board Members once produced.</p> <p>It was confirmed that as requested at the previous meeting, a 'modern methods of construction (and related initiatives)' paper will be presented to the next meeting.</p> <p>Regarding the SCR Energy Strategy Phase 2; it was reported the circulation of the draft elicited a number of comments which have since been addressed.</p> <p>Regarding homelessness; the Board noted the comments made at the previous meeting which stated the Local Authorities' have statutory responsibilities for this matter (supported by other agencies and associations) rather than the SCR Combined Authority or the soon to be elected Mayor and were informed this understanding had been reported back to the Housing Providers' Forum. It was noted however that the Forum has commissioned the arrangement of a homelessness seminar covering the SCR geography. It was also noted some of the SCR mayoral candidates may have a particular stance on what they see are the best ways to address homelessness.</p>	<p>CB</p> <p>CB</p>
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Urgent Items / Announcements</u></p> <p>None noted.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Pilot Housing Fund: Update and Decision Schedule</u></p> <p>The Board was provided with the latest information regarding the Housing Fund and the Housing Investment Board (HIB) being created to oversee the Fund's investment.</p> <p>It was reported the fund size was reinstated at £10m (at the last Combined Authority meeting) due to the revised underspend position of the LGF Programme.</p> <p>It was reiterated the Fund will be maintained as a 'fund of last resort' and all efforts will be made to steer funding applicants to mainstream or more appropriate sources of funding where appropriate.</p> <p>It was noted that ahead of the first meeting of the HIB, the CA has approved taking the former Park Gardeners Club Housing Fund project to full approval and award of contract at a cost of £0.517m subject to the conditions. This being a grant to unlock a stalled site to delivery 38 affordable homes for rent and to be completed by July 2019.</p>	

	<p>The Board was reminded a key aspect of the pilot is the notion that funding investments will be recoverable and recyclable, and informed the CA has suggested the benchmark recovery rate should be at least 50%.</p> <p>However, it was considered whether this rate is ambitious enough, noting the innovative conditions that can potentially be applied to investments.</p> <p>Action: Michael to investigate recoverability rates to inform consideration of the HIF’s ambition</p> <p>Noting that the total ask of the fund is significantly larger than the current fund size, it was suggested there may be scope to increase the size of the fund in the future and noted a ‘lessons learnt’ report will produced at some stage during the Summer to assist the CA in making a decision in respect of this matter.</p> <p>It was confirmed a mixture of public and private funding requests have been received.</p> <p>Assurances were requested regarding whether sufficient information will have been received from the scheme promoters in time for the first HIB meeting.</p> <p>Action: Michael to confirm prior to the meeting that all the required full business cases have been received.</p> <p><i>Post script: “Confirmed that by the 30th March deadline, all five of the expected ‘first wave’ Full Business Case documents had been submitted to the SCR Team”</i></p>	<p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
6	<p><u>SCR Estate Transformation Strategy and One Public Estate Programme</u></p> <p>A report and presentation by Sharon Kemp were received to provide an update on the Sheffield City Region One Public Estate (OPE) programme, and in particular, the ongoing work to prepare the major cross-cutting SCR Estates Transformation Strategy (ETS).</p> <p>It was noted the draft ETS is due to be developed by June.</p> <p>Action: Sharon to attend a future HIEB meeting to present the draft ETS</p> <p>Consideration was given to whether initiatives such as OPE and ETS can help to introduce a consistency of approach by the LAs to land release, and thus address a frustration of the private sector. It was noted the ETS development work had directly and indirectly teased out and acknowledged a number of issues that would now be given further joint deliberation in the interests of achieving ‘consistency’ and also ‘predictability’.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board notes the progress with delivery of the SCR One Public Estate programme’s capital projects and</p>	<p>CB/ SK</p>

	notes the anticipated outcomes of the Estates Transformation Strategy work.	
7	<p><u>SCR Place Delivery Plan and Dashboard</u></p> <p>A report was received to present the draft SCR ‘Place’ Delivery Plan and supporting Dashboard, setting out the proposed key priorities and activities by the Sheffield City Region partnership over the next 3 years to progress the Place and Placemaking agendas in support of delivering the SCR SEP ambitions and objectives.</p> <p>It was noted this is one of five Plans (the other four covering transport, skills, business & investment and science & innovation) designed help steer and focus the work of the respective SCR Executive Commissioning teams and provide a basis against which any matters of note might be raised for the Boards attention. It was noted the Plans will effectively remain in a state of perpetual review.</p> <p>It was further noted the Plans won’t exhaustively capture all the work being undertaken by the SCR Local Authorities and partner agencies in pursuit of the same SEP ambitions but will rather focus on those actions for which the SCR is the ‘lead’ body and therefore also help to demonstrate where the SCR adds value to the process.</p> <p>Regarding the dashboard reports, the Board discussed the difficulties of trying to strike the right balance of information, to ensure RAG-ratings are appropriately evidenced without swamping the reports in detail. Debate considered whether the reports could or should report spend against profile and output delivery against target (acknowledging these factors are often only meaningful at the project level and therefore not compatible with the collated dashboard approach).</p> <p>Action: Mark to assess whether there may be a means to provide ‘the numbers’ perhaps by way of dashboard appendices.</p> <p>It was suggested the reports needs to clearly state what mitigation measures are being adopted to redress any areas of delivery rated ‘red’ or ‘amber’.</p> <p>Housing Deal:</p> <p>The Board was informed of work being co-ordinated by the Executive Team to develop a Housing Deal pitch to government. It was noted this work will be informed by consideration of the deals already ‘struck’ elsewhere nationally and will carefully consider and accord with the evolving role of Homes England.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>CB/MH</p>
8	<p><u>Homes England Programme</u></p> <p>A report was received setting out what Homes England is doing to help the SCR achieve its ambition to increase the rate of homes being delivered to match its economic strategy.</p>	

	<p>The report also highlighted progress on key initiatives and projects and provided an update on live programmes.</p> <p>Regarding the Housing Infrastructure Fund, the Board noted the need to ensure the SCR's prioritisation methodology matches that of Homes England to give schemes the best chance of progression. SCR Officers are seeking clarification from Government as to the methodology used to assess schemes to better understand how the SCR schemes were prioritised.</p> <p>Action: Colin to seek further feedback from MHCLG on the prioritisation methodology used for the national Housing Infrastructure Fund.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board notes the contents of the report</p>	<p>CB</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>SCR Enterprise Zone Business Case</u></p> <p>A verbal report was received regarding the SCR Enterprise Zone, and the current position in relation to the SCR's Enterprise Zone Business Case proposals.</p> <p>The Board was reminded that last summer, the SCR submitted a Business Case for 3 additionally designated EZ sites and a request to extend the business rate relief on the relevant sites.</p> <p>It was reported that initial feedback in respect of these requests has not been positive and the government is currently not minded to progress the proposals, their reported reasons being that it is too late in the financial year for HM Treasury to implement the business rate incentives extension, and the rationale for the additional sites is not strong enough.</p> <p>Considering this, the Board resolved 'to not accept' the government's arguments and keep pushing for a more positive outcome.</p> <p>It was noted the Chief Executives were due to debate these matters at their next meeting.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Board notes the position regarding the SCR Enterprise Zone Business Case and does not accept the government's current arguments regarding SCR's case for additional Economic Zones.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p><u>JAB Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the SCR Joint Assets Board held on 7th March 2018 were tabled for information.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p><u>HIEB Forward Plan</u></p> <p>The Forward Plan for next two meetings was tabled for information.</p> <p>It was questioned whether there were intentions to reinvigorate plans for a SCR Housing Summit (placed on hiatus due to the snap</p>	

	<p>General Election). It was noted this would be something the Directors of Housing would consider in due course, noting that the intention to hold a summit (or similar event) is detailed in the 'SCR Place Delivery Plan and Dashboard' (see Item 7).</p> <p>Action: Colin and Janet to keep the board updated with this and other relevant matters discussed at the SCR Directors of Housing Group.</p>	CB/JS
12	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>The Board congratulated Jolyon, on receiving the news MJ Gleeson has being voted the 'most sustainable business in the UK' at the recent PLC Awards.</p>	
16	<p><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></p> <p>10.00am, 11th May, 2018, Broad Street West, Sheffield</p>	