

**SCR HOUSING BOARD**

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**SCR HOUSING BOARD ACTIVITIES AND WORK PROGRAMME**

**Purpose of Report**

The attached presentation provides a summary of the areas of activity that the Housing Board has responsibility for.

**Thematic Priority**

This report relates to the following Strategic Economic Plan priorities:

- Secure investment in infrastructure where it will do most to support growth.

**Freedom of Information**

The paper will be available under the Combined Authority Publication Scheme

**Recommendations**

The Board is asked to:

1. note and comment on the current SCR housing activities being undertaken, which fall within the role and remit of the Housing Board; and
2. note the Dashboard proposals to monitor progress on both the Housing Board's activities and the SCR Housing Fund investments.

**1. Introduction**

**1.1** The Terms of Reference for the Housing Board is set out under Item 5, but in summary the key roles are to:

- Shape future policy development and priorities on issues related to housing;
- Develop housing programmes;
- Make investment decisions up to £2 million within the agreed budget and policy on housing, as delegated by the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA);
- Accept grants and loans with a value of less than £2 million; and
- Monitor programme delivery and performance on housing.

**1.2** Prior to the establishment of the Housing Board, the relevant programme of work was shaped and overseen by the SCR Housing and Infrastructure Executive Board. This Board agreed activities and the work programme, which has continued, and regularly received reports on progress in how they were being implemented. This included progress in developing capital schemes through the due diligence process for SCR investment.

## **2. Proposal and justification**

- 2.1** The presentation in Appendix 1 details the existing programme of work in relation to housing including the ongoing SCR Pilot Housing Fund and emerging Housing Programme and seeks the views of the Board on this work programme and any future priorities, as well as inviting input on potential new activities not currently being covered.
- 2.2** To fulfil the Board's role with regards to monitoring programme delivery and performance, work is ongoing to develop a consistent 'dashboard' approach.

Appendix 2 provides an extract from a dashboard that was used to keep the former Housing and Infrastructure Executive Board up-to-date on the activities (research, pipeline development, audits etc) to be overseen by the Housing Board.

Appendix 3 provides the emerging draft standardised dashboard being developed for reporting as a standing item at each of the five Boards and the MCA and LEP Board. This is particularly focussed on capital scheme Local Growth Fund investments and progress with achieving their set outputs.

## **3. Consideration of alternative approaches**

- 3.1** The presentation attached provides details of the current areas of housing activity and concludes with a work programme timeline. The focus of the work programme is for consideration by the Board.
- 3.2** Alternative arrangements for monitoring programme delivery and performance will be discussed with Board members.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial**

There are no immediate financial implications. All schemes seeking financial support will be subject to the SCR Assurance Process.

### **4.2 Legal**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Risk Management**

Taking forward any specific housing activity will require its own risk assessment.

### **4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion**

None arising from this report.

## **5. Communications**

- 5.1** The housing work programme would not in itself be communicated more widely but as individual policies and schemes are progressed there will be positive communication opportunities, such as media releases. These will be explored with the SCR Communications Team when opportunities arise.

## **6. Appendices/Annexes**

- 6.1** Appendix 1 – Presentation 'SCR Infrastructure Board Activity and Work Programme'

Appendix 2 – Extract example of "dashboard" report format from previous Housing & Infrastructure Executive Board.

Appendix 3 – Emerging LGF standardised capital scheme focussed 'Dashboard'

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Other sources and references: