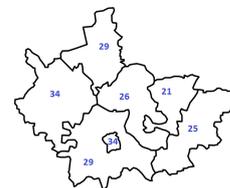


Cambridge sub-Regional Housing Board (CRHB)

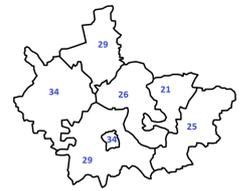
Notes of meeting at SCDC offices, Cambourne

9.30am – 12.30pm, Friday 6th May 2016

	Title	Action
1.	Introductions/apologies	
	<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hills (SH) SCDC (chair) • Sue Beecroft (SB) Cambridge City Council • Alan Carter (AC) Housing Development Agency • Claire Flowers (CF) LEP • Jonathan Gill (JG) West Suffolk • Mike Hay (MH) Cambridgeshire County <i>arrived 10.45am</i> • Nigel Howlett (NH) CHS group (RSL rep) <i>arrived 10:05am</i> • Philip Sullivan (PS) Havebury (RSL rep) • Helen Reed (HR) Cambridge City • Elaine Sargent (notes) <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Emmerton, HDC • Mike Hay, Richard O’Driscoll, Cambridgeshire County Council • Dan Horn, FDC • Sarah Ireland, bpha (RSL rep) 	
	<p>Draft minutes of meeting on 4th March approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes and papers are available at www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/crhb 	
	<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Development Agency will have a place at the RP enablers forum. • LHA rates – SB and SH to work on a comparative analysis (over the next year) to ascertain where we are. 	SB / SH
2.	CRHB Action Plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New columns have been added to clearly note the “output” of each action • Simpler version – calendar for year with themes for each meeting. • One green – NHF launched a new tool, find a link on the CRHB webpage. • New communities JSNA and new communities’ strategies information on next month’s plan. • CBL implementation – we need to have feedback. Could have an initial update at November CRHB (progress report) then subsequent information when more established. 	
3.	Affordability Analysis	
	<p>Cambridge Ahead keen on this too, they have carried out work already around surveying and local employers. SH will work on a document and give Savills visibility. Important piece of work along side the SHMA and the Local Plan. Facts around the housing and job market are useful information for the greater Cambridge partnership. CRHB has an opportunity to influence the supplementary documents of the Local Plan, promoting tenure mixes and intermediate products, etc.</p> <p>The group discussed what trade-offs people make for housing in relation to aspiration, affordability and needs. Increasing intermediate choice may help meet needs. <i>Rentplus</i> could be an easier opportunity for options. Need to define definition of affordability.</p>	
4 & 8	Housing Bill and Starter Home Consultation	
	<p>Starter home consultation – SCDC, City and West Suffolk have completed separate responses. DCLG viability model shows starter homes are less viable than shared ownership. The group discussed various options, including affordability for lower salary people, analysis and selling of higher (rather than high) value council houses (which could be half of all re-lets), this would only fulfil half off the government’s shortfall in funding.</p>	



	<p>The group discussed working together and drafting a response from CRHB, to advise of need for flexibility to look at various products and provide housing mix to meet local need (recognising drive for home ownership) and supporting enterprises (various models including <i>Rentplus</i>).</p>	
5.	<p>Healthy Town</p> <p>Have been granted £250k. Submitted proposals on back of bid with market analysis, options for older people in the near future and meeting a wide range of needs (particularly in ageing profile). The response was the preference for capacity building. Meeting pending.</p> <p>The group discussed the elements of what is needed to build a healthy town, how we devise and deliver the health services. Need to understand aspirations and choices. Group discussed approach of response to rejection of our plans, which may involve negotiation.</p> <p>The Young foundation has carried out much work on this for new developments.</p>	
6.	<p>Political Landscape</p> <p>No real significant changes in the landscape predicted after local elections, except the Liberal Democrat seat was lost to labour in Cambridge City. Peterborough has changed to Conservative (from no overall control).</p> <p>The group discussed eastern powerhouse devolution (to be resolved by the end of June) and the penalty implications of a no vote.</p>	
7.	<p>Update on County Housing post</p> <p>SH had previously circulated draft job description, still to complete. Post will sit within County and have line management there, but partly report to SH as chair of CRHB, working closely with SB. To enable joined up approach across county.</p>	SH
9.	<p>Transforming Lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH talked through the Transforming Lives, March and April 2016 external edition, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adults support planning consultation. - Interim carers review team. - ICER replaced by 'What if' scheme. - Adult early help service. - Prevent project. - Better care fund. - Adult safeguarding project. - Delayed transfers of care (complex hospital discharges). - NHS accessible information standard. - Older people and alcohol. - New NICE quality standard – domestic violence abuse. - The local offer. - Information hub. - Care and support. - Free home safety fire checks. - Information and advice. • Attempt to resolve issues at the beginning (rather than 'pulling people through the machine'), best way to deal with social care needs and corresponds with the care act. Big change for adult social care workers. Much more about prevention, delay and de escalation. • The group discussed a Better Care Fund representative from CRHB. • NH mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That the police need to know that CHS and others are on the 'list' of signatories to the information sharing protocol. County Council need to make the police aware. MH to check CHS's inclusion. - The absence of community mental health services and the need to provide long term support for those with mental health needs. - The number of people supported by domestic violence issues who have moved to other parts of the area / country, who do not have support networks nearby. Physical problems are resolved, but not the mental problems (knowing no-one nearby and settling in). • There is no quick solution to mental health needs, access is through the primary care route, providing only perhaps monthly or limited to six sessions (with awaiting list) when needs are more urgent and immediate. • MH advised that the revised voluntary sector contracts are now incorporating mental health 	MH



	<p>support for lower level needs.</p> <p>MH concluded that he is leaving the County at the end of May and added that he has received good Officer support from CRHB, enabling to connect them with key people to talk to for social care needs.</p> <p>SH thanked MH in return adding that he had provided a huge support which was very valuable to the group, who wished him the best for the future.</p>	
10.	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Older People’s Accommodation Strategy has been revised and circulated. SH will email the new version, which brings together health, housing and social care into one document. The action plan will continue to develop. • Charlotte Humble at the County is leaving next week. • LEP growth – new growth deal funding. This time around housing growth. The LEP has arranged housing forums to determine key issues in enabling homes, and what some of the solutions may be. LEP keen to hear ideas and proposals for what they can do to support growth in the area. AC suggested stronger input from housing professionals as there is not a strong housing person on LGSG. The group nominated AC as the representative on LGSG from CRHB. Rolling infrastructure investment fund would be a good first thing to look at. Experience from other countries i.e. Germany, north west Cambridge case study and Addenbrooke’s access road. • Stephen Kelly is the new joint head of Planning (SCDC and City) – a wider remit, planning and economic growth – new joint head of planning. • CRHB Housing market bulletin, on sales and valuations report has been mentioned on TV news. • Ermine Street Housing has made it to the Municipal Journal Awards final, in the Reinventing Public Services category. 	
	Meeting Dates 2016:	
	<p>10 June (2nd Fri avoids ½ term)</p> <p>1 July</p> <p>5 August (<i>summer hols, sometimes cancelled</i>)</p> <p>2 September</p> <p>7 October</p> <p>4 November</p> <p>2 December</p>	