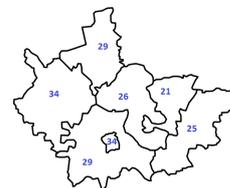


Cambridge sub-Regional Housing Board (CRHB)

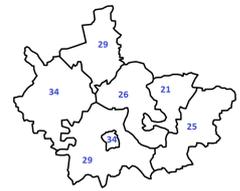
Meeting at SCDC offices, Cambourne
9.30am – 12.30pm, Friday 2nd December 2016

MINUTES

1.	Introductions/Apologies	
	<p>Present Alan Carter, HDA (chair till Stephen arrived) Stephen Hills, SCDC Simon Phelan, West Suffolk Nigel Howlett, CHS Helen Reed, Cambridge City Lynne O'Brien, Cambs County Dan Horn, FDC Caroline Hannon, PCC Sue Beecroft, CRHB (minutes) Lorraine Lofting, Cambs County (MASH presentation)</p> <p>Apologies Richard O'Driscoll, Cambs County, L O'B in Richard's place Alex Francis, GC-GP LEP Sarah Ireland, bpha</p>	
	Actions from last meeting	All
	<p>Comparing LHA to private rent levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB has added a column to the market bulletins to compare the "main" LHA rates to the latest Hometrack private rent levels • Is going to circulate a note to homelessness strategy group about private rent levels for each ward, possibly to send every quarter alongside Bulletin (just to these officers, not public) for feedback. • Also working on a more complex note with detailed LHA rates which cover each district, to ask if it is helpful for officers to have that detail (CSHG). <p>Stock condition tool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambridge City has an atlas with bespoke data here http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/interactive-mapping/housing/cambridgeshire-atlas-cambridge-city-housing-stock-condition ...and a ranking tool here http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/interactive-mapping/housing/cambridgeshire-atlas-cambridge-city-housing-stock-condition-ranking • All other districts have an atlas accessible here: http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/interactive-mapping/housing/subregionstockcondition which was funded via SHMA hours so no additional invoice needed, Cambridge will not be invoiced for the Atlas, all have contributed equally to it. Aim is to offer bespoke data and ranking tool in future, but not before Ail 2017 once CCRG staffing and priorities have been clarified, and the key SHMA tasks have been resourced. Offer of help if you need guidance using the Atlas from Becca Roebuck and team. • January amend: Suggest hold fire on further development - as things go through devolution discussions, there might be a combined housing strategy function. <p>Glossary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephens draft glossary of AH - SB to investigate and see if CRHB can publish on CRHB web pages. • January action: SB to add to Cambs Insight page <p>Benefit cap changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather and Lynne talking on it. Dawn at SCDC talking to county about families 	<p>SB</p> <p>All /BR</p> <p>SH/SB</p>



	<p>For the 2 stock owning LAs, abandoned mandatory pay to stay. May be asked to consider as part of end of fixed term tenancy, financial circs will need to be part of the tenancy review. Pushed back implementation of high value homes levy. Was to come in from April 2017. Plans now on hold, pushed back a year. Need regulations by April 2017 to implement in April 2018.</p> <p>£1.7 for private sector development. May benefit in the sub region from this. White Paper coming up, hoping this will rebalance the approach. Due in Jan 2017. Relaxation of starter homes definitions? No one knows yet...</p>	
5.	Supported funding consultation	LOB
	<p>Consultation on funding reform for supported accommodation - sounds like ring-fenced fund. Can we do a coordinated, joint response? Get a group together to look at it.</p> <p>Contributors possibly Angie Skipper, CHS, Axiom. Group of policy officers including HAs and County, Peterborough and Cambs. Meet, draft response, bring to CRHB, share with PSB, and send off. Encourage other supported and temporary accom providers, refuges, services commissioned by authorities whether the support funding or other.</p> <p>SH will feedback to PSB on this. We have till 13 Feb to respond. Joint submission could be in addition to, or providing some shared text, for individual responses. Provide individual perspectives.</p>	SB
	General supported housing update	
	<p>(a) Cambridgeshire Innovations Fund - bids welcome to help meet county's agendas - return on investment to save CCC money.</p> <p>(b) SH working with Claire Bruin to recruit a housing person at county, managed by Stephen Hills as chair of CRHB. More strategic linking than commissioning role. Could help with the trailblazer / county linking tasks. Await further progress from CB</p> <p>(c) Older peoples housing strategy may have lost a little momentum. Want to meet and give it a push. In the Older people's strategy will be using the SHOP model to predict need. Won't be before Jan 2017 as HR meeting BR (CCRG) to talk about the data, first for supported housing, then for older peoples housing. May link into Devo2 bid.</p> <p>(d) NH - some issues about extra care and definitions of who does and does not need care. How will schemes remain viable if people are decreed not to need funded care? Some people have lower levels of care too, so it's important to know what extra care will be "doing" in future. Presumably, higher levels of care, not the mix of the original idea. Panel processes will need to reflect that. Care Act has changed the levels for funded care - need 2 things off a list of care, medication is not counted. Its national criteria. Might be good to discuss this, as not sure if it's a question of needing some local interpretation work. Extra care market position statement also subject to all this.</p> <p>(e) Belinda Child at Peterborough confirmed they made a rough sleepers bid.</p> <p>(f) Helen - DFG review, partnership agreement - districts are being asked to put through committees by end of the year. Will outline how LAs will use the flexibilities under the DFG funding to do things like top ups and relocation grants. Want to work up a joint DFG process across the 5 districts. How to use for more upstream elements if possible. In 2017/18 will be a 25% reduction in Better Care Fund (BCF) revenue, in 2018 removed all together. Capital amounts to increase.</p> <p>Jan update: Healthy Towns Northstowe, now has some funding from NHS working with Sheffield Hallam to work up a new predictive model of social care needs for older people</p>	<p>SH/CB</p> <p>HR, BR</p>



	HR updated we have been working with CCRG on a model projecting needs, would be good to work together on that.	
6.	Eastern Round Table with CIH	SH
	CIH doing round table discussions around the country. Due 25 April. Snr leaders and housing authorities establish and nurture profitable relationships. SCDC to facilitate.	
7.	Devolution	
	<p>Devolution decision went through all councils and was supported. Only 2 tier one which has happened to date. In fact, it's a unitary + 2 tier.</p> <p>Feb 2017 the unitary authority will become a legal combined authority. Will have chief executive, s151 officer, democratic services, director of infrastructure and some staff, as well as existing staff being pooled. Elected mayor will be put in place at May 2017 elections.</p> <p>In devo 1 have £70m for Cambridge, £100m for combined area. Possibly £150 m from devo 2 for housing. "Housing taskforce" has been formed, need a business plan to go through CLG and treasury to demonstrate how the housing will be delivered via the combined authority</p> <p>NHF is consulting on rent freedom, January deadline. Idea is for no govt control of rent via rent standard. NHF proposes get rid of rent standard, flex on rents, but don't increase welfare spend via rent. This surely can only happen if they house richer people, charge more rents. Danger is that increase rents just to fund paying more to developers. Poorer people not housed. This is not the proposal but a view of how the different statements appear to square up).</p> <p>Devo and planners – suggestion to do a joint session with CPOs. Combined auth will have a non-statutory joint spatial strategy. Will be a joint transport strategy, joint econ strategy with LEP will hold. Enables a stronger link between housing and planning strategy? Planning framework then implements the needs set out in the housing strategy. Devo = new type of LA, which only has transport duties, other functions of LAs remain with the districts / county. Suggest Feb meeting to get together with CPOs to think about devo together. SB has invited.</p>	<p>SH, CH on taskforce</p> <p>SB / SH to invite CPOs</p>
8.	Standing item: Update on Housing & Planning Act and Supported Housing Impact	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered elsewhere on agenda 	
9.	Standing item: County update	LO'B
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transforming Lives, Better Care Fund and Cambridgeshire Executive Partnership Board – covered elsewhere on agenda 	
10.	HDA update	AC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County, city and SCDC shared service to deliver housing which is affordable across that patch, starting from own land assets. Been working with Stephen to set up devo deal. City council has been working to set up an investment partnership with Hill. Not tied to the City boundary. Will complete 100th home in December. 	
11.	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRHB Action Plan has been circulated. Meeting dates for 2017 suggested as 13 Jan, 3 Feb, 3 Mar, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 Aug, 8 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 8 Dec 	