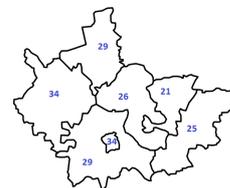


Cambridge sub-Regional Housing Board (CRHB)

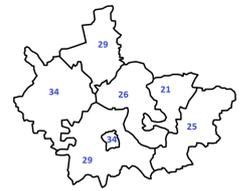
Minutes of meeting at SCDC offices, Cambourne

9.30am – 12.30pm, Friday 1st July 2016

Item	Action
1. Introductions/apologies	
<p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Hills, South Cambridgeshire District Council (chair) • Sue Beecroft, Sub-regional Co-ordinator • Tom Bremner, Cambridge City Council • Alan Carter, Greater Cambridge Housing Development Agency (HDA) • Dan Clarke, Cambridgeshire County Council • Claire Flowers, Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) • Hendrik Grothuis, Cambridgeshire County Council • Nigel Howlett, CHS group • Sarah Ireland, bpha • Richard O’Driscoll, Cambridgeshire County Council • Simon Phelan, West Suffolk • Helen Reed, Cambridge City Council • Elaine Sargent, SCDC (minutes) • Phillip Sullivan, Havebury Housing <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Horn, Fenland District Council 	
<p>Previous minutes:</p> <p>Draft minutes of meeting 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"> • LHA rates – SB to work on a comparative analysis on local housing allowances, hometrack rent data and the VOA rent survey - work in progress. Will bring a note back to CRHB once data assembled • County housing post - SH is working on the job description (to enable a joined up approach across the County). Claire Bruin advised this is progressing. • Information Sharing Protocol - CHS signed up to the original County Council information sharing protocol, however the protocol was updated and it seems CHS fell off the list, therefore LO will check on getting CHS to sign again. • LO to update with Richard O’Driscoll for a copy of the revised Older People’s Accommodation Strategy. • Correction to June 2016 minutes - page 3 “Refugees” action for HR is in fact for DH to set up a meeting 	<p>SB</p> <p>LO</p> <p>LO</p> <p>DH</p>
2. CRHB action plan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB talked through the CRHB action plan. Find the latest plan here www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/housing/crhb • Please send any information regarding partner projects which might be related to the action plan and may be useful for Cambs Insight web pages, direct to SB. 	
3. Brexit and Devolution	
<p>Brexit:</p> <p>The group discussed the result of the referendum and that the UK are to leave the European Union.</p> <p>The LEP have been asked to contact businesses to ascertain any impact, and have had meetings with DCLG about the European funding programme, which is continuing as usual.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Construction sector lost 30% of its value initially. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge research and biomedical sector are concerned with regards to grant funding Some County Council care provider services recruit staff from Europe, who sometimes go home for the summer. 1 in 4 nurses are from the EU. There are concerns about a rise in racist incidents since the referendum, and community cohesion. Could we look at how to improve this and promote 'togetherness'. Agreed to share news of local events housing partners are involved in, so we can work together where possible on community cohesion The group also discussed some possible opportunities coming out of Brexit. <p>Devolution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fenland have to vote today; all other councils have voted in favour of devolution. Some Norfolk authorities have voted against. There is £170m in the deal allocated for affordable homes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough subject to devolution agreement. 	
4. Update on Housing & Planning Act and Supported Housing Impact		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further update on the Housing & Planning Act. County has been trying to raise awareness around the social care route as supported housing will be impacted. i.e. three extra care schemes are on hold. 	
5. Digital Agenda		
	<p>Dan Clarke, Programme Manager at Cambridgeshire County Council introduced City Deal and Smart Cities agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Smart Cities team have delivered public access wifi and roll out of digital connectivity across Cambridgeshire. Technology to help deliver better services. There is City Deal and government funding available to implement. Looking at expanding open spaces wifi across Cambridge City (currently in Jesus green and other areas). Looking at New Developments and ensuring broadband is in place. There are various key partners to help pilot in Cambridge e.g. CCS who help with better connectivity with people who use mobile phones. With City collaboration – Peterborough, Milton Keynes, Oxford, Leeds, Bradford, Norwich and some European cities. Looking at technology which can use real time data/analysis, i.e. bus information and traffic flows. Also useful for colleagues i.e. Planners to develop policy using transport data. Need to identify gaps are and which communication systems will be required. Research being carried out to ascertain why people do not use public transport. Integrated ticketing to make it easier to attain tickets. Looking at City gateway (digital information machines). Possibility of Health and social care sensors in the home, for the future, which could ascertain temperatures, weather, lighting, etc. which can help with business maintenance. Air quality sensors around Addenbrooke's and Hills Road to enable air quality research. Let Dan know of plans and he can advise of opportunities, help and support, and any funding opportunities. Slides to be shared <p>Nigel Howlett, CHA, digital inclusion for residents –Looked at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How people access, i.e. via smart phones etc. (although some older people only use them for calls and often equipment is underused). There are employment barriers to people who do not use the internet/PC's etc., as 96% of jobs require some digital skills i.e. some staff only have access to their payslips online. With wider benefits for those who do, i.e. Loneliness for older people is addressed; exam results can be accessed online for young people. Social housing providers could save money from using more cost effective communications. The group discussed costs and issues related to enabling people to be online at home, older people or children. There are pilot projects happening in other parts of the country, and NH asked the group to bring back any information which may be useful. Slides to be shared SB looked at the on-line resources relating to CRHB Information for sharing (partnership philosophy) and useful tools, with a separate site - Cambridgeshire insight open data which is about making sure information can be accessed easily (i.e. data produced by Officers, e.g. the HCA data return annual spreadsheet (issued for the whole country) has been modified and put on for Cambridgeshire. With links to other forums e.g. enablers forum, self-build vanguard project at SCDC and links to strategies etc. 3 links insert here ? 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 90,000 visitors to the insight pages last year (2,000 to housing pages) and 700 followers on twitter. Sue mentioned 3 monthly update on homelessness? Draft report on homelessness was circulated, request feedback next time as this is an experimental homelessness bulletin for CRHB. Action. On agenda for next time. The group discussed the Hometrack comparable tool, which could provide reports to show the value of sales or rents in an area, and whether access to this would be of value. They then concluded to go ahead. Two years of funding to trial and two licenses per organisation (i.e. per District). Slides to be shared 	
6. Transforming Lives, Better Care Fund & Cambridgeshire Executive Partnership Board (CEPB)		
	<p>Richard O’Driscoll updated on transforming lives (The County strategy on adult social care):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Early Help team has been operating for a couple of months, which is helping other teams be less bombarded. West Suffolk doing a pilot looking at improving service and local solutions’ process. <p>Older People’s Accommodation strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RO also talked through what the Older People’s Strategy is for (looking 20 years ahead). A needs analysis has been carried out, pulled together and connected work streams where there is strong links. Has an action plan which links to these work streams. Feeds into CEPB. SH added that this has been a valuable piece of work, which will continue and develop. Latest version to be circulated. ES to circulate version 9 with report to executive partnership. SH also added how valuable it is to now have County presence at this meeting on a regular basis. DFG review on next CRHB agenda OPAS to come to CRHB and to discuss at CSHG 	<p style="text-align: right;">ES</p>
7. Any Other Business		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 15th July, the LEP will be holding discussions with the University of Cambridge to ascertain what is being done around housing (including Directors from SCDC and the City). Cambridge? University have pulled out of Cambridge Ahead group. Local growth strategy group – SB mentioned that CRHB is invited to attend their meeting on 5th July. SB may be attending as a reserve to talk through the Housing and Planning Act. Action for AC to volunteer as link member from CRHB to attend LGSG 	<p style="text-align: right;">AC</p>
Dates of meetings (First Friday of the month, 9.30am to 12.30pm, all at SCDC)		
<p>5 August – Elaine to check who will be there. AC on hols. 2 September 7 October 4 November 2 December</p>		