Cambridge Sub Region Enablers Liaison Group

Notes of meeting 14th December 2017

Present: Sue Beecroft, Uzma Ali, Julie Salisbury, Kim Langley, Julian Adams, Olivia Manton, Frank Mastrandrea, Sue Beecroft, David Ousby

Apologies: HCA, Caroline Hannon,

1. Notes of last meeting.

All matters discussed are addressed in notes below

1. HCA Issues.

Becky Ashley had confirmed to FM that HCA would be unable to attend these meetings but would continue to attend RP liaison meetings and provide feedback there. FM did ask about latest HCA structure and Becky provided organisational chart which was distributed to the group. FM also briefly discussed with her decision making process of funding schemes via HCA or Combined Authority. Becky thought there was ongoing dialogue between HCA and CA. The group can seek CA feedback on this at the forthcoming meeting.

1. Devolution

FM summarised the latest positon in terms of:

* Quick wins – schemes funded in each Cambs. LA as per list provided.
* Each LA had provided list of pipeline schemes with potential to CA
* CA processes still evolving
* It would be necessary to consider how best to maximise CA funding by examine S106 and the like. Enablers had previously also commented (still relevant): *There were challenges in securing additionality. This requires improving on the outcomes which might otherwise have been achieved and potentially securing above policy levels Affordable Housing. Some examination of how current processes can be adapted to maximise opportunities for investment will be required which the Group will need to consider in further detail. Added complication is that a ‘pipeline’ of schemes will have requirements (enshrined in s106s) with agreed outcomes in respect of Affordable Housing. The Group should also examine how it can introduce CA subsidy to overcome Viability challenges from developers. An understanding of the bidding process, and that of ’ negotiators’ if any are to be appointed would also be required.*

1. Mortgagee in Possession Clauses

FM said he had received a number of similar requests from RPs to amend MIPs. Others did not seem to have had the same experience but FM asked all to send their current version for comparison.

1. AOB

* RP liaison meetings; some doubt as to if these were continuing now Sarah Ireland is not chairing – seems no volunteer has come forward, FM will check.
* Custom Build discussion took place regarding each LA’s progress. To be discussed again at next meeting.
* ExtraCare/supported housing, clarity still awaited. Sue b to produce information on shortfall of providing supported housing (cost v LHA cap)
* Steve Collins now working for RentPlus

1. Date of next meeting

14th December 2017 then 6th March 2018