



To: Executive Councillor for Housing
Report by: Alan Carter
Relevant scrutiny committee: Housing 20 June 2017
Wards affected: All

New Build Housing Programme

Non Key Decision

1. Executive summary

This report provides an up-date on the sites in the Council's New Build Housing Programme – whether recently completed; under construction or being assessed in terms of feasibility and viability for development. The latter is known as the Rolling Programme.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to :

- a. Note the up-dated position of schemes including those on the current Rolling Programme (see Appendix 1)
- b. Approve the new Rolling Programme (see Appendix 2)

3. Background

At the March 2017 Housing Committee, the Executive Councillor for Housing approved a development framework within which new housing by the Council would be delivered. The framework included a commitment to bring a report to the Housing Committee every year to demonstrate progress of schemes on the Rolling Programme.

One notable change agreed as part of the framework was to accept that new sites can be added to the Rolling Programme 'in-year' subject to consultation with the Executive Councillor for Housing; the Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee; and Opposition Spokespersons.

The principle behind the Rolling Programme is that it allows transparency on which sites are being assessed for new housing. Each site will require scheme specific approval by the Executive Councillor for Housing following Housing Committee scrutiny.

Appendix 1 provides a summary of the schemes that were completed in 2016/17 and those that are currently under construction.

Appendix 2 provides an up-date on the position of schemes in the Rolling Programme.

Appendix 3 provides confirms the current Rolling Programme for approval.

Subject to a decision at the Community Services Scrutiny Committee meeting on 29 June 2017 regarding the Community Centres Review, the Meadows Centre and Buchan Street Community Centre will be added to the Rolling Programme to assess the feasibility of optimising the sites for housing and community facilities.

4. Implications

(a) Financial Implications

It is likely that the Devolution Housing Grant will be the main source of funding for schemes in the Rolling Programme that progress into development. However, scheme funding will be confirmed should a scheme be brought to the Committee for scheme specific approval.

(b) Staffing Implications

The scheme on the Rolling Programme will be project managed by the Greater Cambridge Housing Development Agency (the shared housing development agency between the City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council) in liaison with City Homes; Estates and Facilities; and the Council's corporate support teams. Additional resource will be available through the Cambridge Investment Partnership.

(c) Equality and Poverty Implications

The development framework for new housing by the Council, approved at the March 2017 Housing Scrutiny Committee was informed by an EQIA. Each scheme specific approval will be informed by an EQIA if current residents are required to move.

(d) **Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications of this report. Each scheme specific approval will cover any environmental implications.

(e) **Procurement**

There are no procurement implications of this report. Each scheme specific approval will cover any procurement implications, although it anticipated that the majority of schemes will be delivered through the Cambridge Investment Partnership.

(f) **Consultation and communication**

There are no consultation and communication implications of this report. The development framework for new housing by the Council, approved at the March 2017 Housing Scrutiny Committee sets out the Council's commitment to involve residents in new housing schemes.

(g) **Community Safety**

There are no community safety of this report. Each scheme specific approval will cover any community safety implications.

5. Background papers

None

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Schemes completed in 2016.17 or currently under construction

Appendix 2 - Up-date on the Rolling Programme.

Appendix 3 - Rolling Programme at June 2017

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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