



Cambridge City Council

Housing Advisory Board Paper

New Build Working Group - Scope

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Purpose of Paper	The Housing Advisory Board Working Group are undertaking research on the topic of council newbuild repairs and maintenance after the defects period. This item provides an update on their project scope.
Recommendation(s)	To note the scope of the Housing Advisory Board Working Group
Brief Summary	On the 15th June 2026, the Housing Advisory Board agreed the membership for the working group as: • Diana Minns • Renata Wais • Mandy Powell-Hardy • Cllr Martinelli • Cllr Davidson The working group has convened twice, representatives from the City Council's Housing Development Agency (HDA), Repairs, Maintenance and Assets team attended to provide subject matter expertise. The working group have refined the scope to only focus on Hill developments and exclude historic Keepmoat schemes The following data for Hill developments has been requested from City Council officers to aid the research: • existing defects period data, this will be used as a baseline • post defect repairs and maintenance data • latent defect and post-defects issues where available Key progress: • A scoping document has been created to help refine the aims of the project and track key milestones. This will be presented by Diana Minns on 14th September

	• The defect and repairs data will be used to identify key research questions around common repair themes, recurring issues and development performance • Next steps: plan to conduct fieldwork and engage with residents through interviews, estate walkabouts and site visits at identified Hill developments • The outcome of this research seeks to aid resident understanding of their responsibilities and identify learning to adapt the councils approach for future developments
Is the paper going to Cabinet or either Scrutiny Committee's?	No
Appendices	