

West Midlands Combined Authority – Decisions taken by the Housing & Land Delivery Board on Monday 7 September 2020

Agenda Item No	Item	Decision
1.	Apologies for Absence	Councillor Peter Butlin (Warwickshire)
2.	Minutes - 6 July 2020	Agreed as a correct record.
3.	Housing & Land COVID-19 Recovery Strategy and Implementation Plan	<p>(1) The draft Housing & Land COVID-19 Recovery Strategy, showcasing this board’s proactive work on this agenda, was approved for publication.</p> <p>(2) It was agreed that that a public-facing document be published in order to communicate the Housing & Land portfolio’s COVID-19 recovery strategy to a wider audience, and that authority be delegated to the Director of Housing & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Lead for Housing & Land to agree the final contents of the document.</p> <p>(3) The excellent engagement and on-going development of the recovery strategy, undertaken through strong collaboration with local authorities, local enterprise partnerships and expert advisory groups and taskforces was noted.</p> <p>(4) It was noted that the recovery strategy had informed the region’s ‘Recharge the West Midlands: Kickstarting the West Midlands Economy’ document published on 23 June 2020 and was directly informing future asks of the Government through the Comprehensive Spending Review, forthcoming business case submissions and the wider business of this board.</p>
4.	COVID-19 Recovery Discussion Paper: Town Centre Living and Regeneration	<p>(1) The town centre living and regeneration policy principles and typology of interventions set out within the report were endorsed.</p> <p>(2) It was noted that, as this board had previously discussed, the town centre living and regeneration policy paper was informing the region’s Comprehensive Spending Review submission to the Government, future business cases to the Government for town centre and brownfield regeneration investment by the</p>

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		<p>WMCA and local authorities, and was informing decisions by the WMCA over devolved housing and land funds through its Single Commissioning Framework.</p> <p>(3) It was noted that the report had been co-developed with officers from across the region on the Housing & Land Delivery Steering Group, as well as private sector partners and industry representatives on the Commercial Property Forum and Town Centre Taskforce.</p>
5.	COVID-19 Recovery Discussion Paper: Public Land	<p>(1) The report, produced in line with the commission from this board as part of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, was noted, and the key policy principles set out within it were endorsed.</p> <p>(2) It was agreed that this work should inform the region’s forthcoming response to the Comprehensive Spending Review consultation and bid to the next funding round for the One Public Estate Programme (OPE 8).</p> <p>(3) The work to co-develop this report with Housing & Land Delivery Steering Group, One Public Estate groups and the Commercial Property Forum was noted.</p>
6.	Advanced Manufacturing in Construction Routemap	<p>(1) The structure and format of part one of the Advanced Manufacturing in Construction routemap was agreed.</p> <p>(2) The proposal to explore options for implementing the routemap’s recommendations prior to the meeting of the board on 2 November 2020 was agreed.</p>

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		<p>(3) The intention to complete part two of the routemap over the coming month, and to bring both parts of the routemap for agreement at the meeting of the board on 2 November 2020 was agreed.</p> <p>(4) It was noted that the routemap was directly informing negotiations underway with the Government on securing a £50m enabling fund to support Advanced Manufacturing in Construction.</p>