



Scrutiny Review - Scoping Document

Housing & Land Working Group - Work Programme	
Work to be carried out by:	Councillor Ian Shires (Lead Member) Councillor Dean Carroll Councillor Maureen Cornish Councillor Stuart Davies Councillor John Glass Councillor Peter Hughes Councillor Lisa Trickett Councillor Mike Chalk Chris Handy
Date of Review:	July 2018 - April 2019
Purpose of the Review:	
<p>To consider the measures taken by the WMCA and its Housing & Land Delivery Board to implement the recommendations arising out of the Land Commission's final report (published in February 2017).</p> <p>To review and make recommendations, as appropriate, on proposals for the delivery of housing and sustainable communities.</p> <p>To make recommendations, as appropriate, on further actions that could be taken to develop the WMCA's housing & land workstream.</p>	
Objectives:	
<p>To test the deliverability of the Housing & Land Delivery Plan.</p> <p>To propose a series of recommendations for consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee that are intended to result in improvements in the WMCA's housing & land workstreams.</p>	
Scope	
<p>At its meeting on 8 September 2017, the WMCA Board approved the Land Delivery Action Plan that set out how the WMCA planned to work collaboratively with partners to accelerate the quantum and delivery pace of housing and employment space towards delivery of local plan allocations and which supported the Mayor's commitment to delivering 215,000 homes in the West Midlands by 2031.</p>	

The working group will:

- Review, question and challenge the progress being made in respect of the short, medium and longer term actions proposed to achieve a step change in the delivery pace, identified in the Land Delivery Action Plan.
- Review the establishment of a new joint delivery team between the WMCA and Homes England to strengthen the expertise and resource available to unlock key sites, identify new opportunities and secure new investment.
- Seek further information to understand the proposed methods of construction that will be used to deliver 215,000 new homes.
- Determine the feasibility of delivering 215,000 homes by 2031.
- Review the potential delivery of the proposed growth corridors and how these linked into the proposed Spatial Investment & Delivery Plan.
- Understand travel to work patterns and interrelated developments.
- Review the progress being made in respect of the West Midlands 'spatial expression', that will capture in a single place the existing spatial strategies for the 3 LEP geography and emerging local plans from Local Planning Authorities;
- Review the development of a visual web-based interactive tool that will be available publicly to allow developers to identify potential sites for development and for residents to understand the investment planned within their areas.
- Seek clarification as to how the investment from Government will be distributed.
- Review the timescales for the Commonwealth Games and escalation of projects, and the implications of this for housing investment across the region.

Intended Outcome:

The Housing & Land Working Group will submit a report, with recommendations as appropriate, to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Links to the WMCA priorities:

WMCA Annual Plan 2018/19

- Housing & Regeneration (pages 17 and 18)

Offices/portfolio holder(s) to be invited to give evidence:

Gareth Bradford, Director of Housing & Regeneration
 Councillor Mike Bird, Portfolio Lead for Housing & Land
 Andy Street, Mayor of the West Midlands

WMCA Officer Responsible:

Dan Essex, Governance Services Manager

Review Work Programme:

Programme of Meetings	Lead person(s)	Completion by
Q&A with Mayor (to include housing matters)		28 September 2018
To review lines of enquiry questions to ask Gareth Bradford, Cllr Mike Bird		22 October 2018
Q&A session to be held with Gareth Bradford and Cllr Mike Bird		13 November 2018
Consideration of draft report and recommendations	Lyndsey Roberts	w/c 4 March 19
Adoption of final report and recommendations	Lyndsey Roberts	w/c 25 March 19
Submission of final report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Lyndsey Roberts	12 April 2019