

WMCA Housing & Land Delivery Board

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Report title	Update on Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables 2020/21
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Report has been considered by	The Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables for 2021/22 were approved by the WMCA Board on Friday the 12 th of February 2021.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Housing & Land Delivery Board is recommended to:

- **Note** the Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables for 2021/22 agreed by WMCA Board on the 12th of February 2021.

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this update report is to provide the Housing & Land Delivery Board with the Housing and Land Portfolio High Level Deliverables that were approved at the WMCA Board on the 12th of February 2021. These deliverables directly support implementation of the Covid-19 Recovery Plan agreed by the Housing & Land Delivery Board on the 7th of September 2020.

2 Background

- 2.1 As part of the formal process to determine the WMCA's budget, levy and precept levels for 2021/22, the WMCA Board approves each portfolio's annual deliverables. The Deliverables for the Housing and Land Portfolio were presented in draft at the WMCA Board of 15th January 2021 and agreed by the WMCA Board on 12th February 2021. The full list of High Level Deliverables are set out in Annex 1 to this report.
- 2.2 The deliverables set out how WMCA (namely through its Housing and Regeneration Directorate) will continue to work on the workstreams that Housing & Land Delivery Board have been overseeing throughout the last year.

- 2.3 The Housing and Regeneration Directorate is comprised of 29 (FTE) staff, directly overseeing and managing over £450 million in Brownfield Housing and Land funds whilst delivering on major policy initiatives around affordable housing, advanced manufacturing in construction (AMC), design and zero carbon homes (ZCH). A summary of the High Level Deliverables for the Housing and Land Portfolio is set out below, all overseen by the Housing & Land Delivery Board.
- 2.4 Housing and Regeneration will continue to deliver the objectives of and the specified output requirements of the 2018 Housing Deal including deploying funding and investment to support housing delivery and urban regeneration, reporting on performance on the terms of the Deal (eg on housing starts) and driving forward the pipeline of locally agreed sites.
- 2.5 Housing and Regeneration will develop and submit business cases for additional funding into agreed priority delivery and policy areas, including Advanced Manufacturing in Construction, Zero Carbon Housing, Brownfield Land, Affordable Housing and Public Land.
- 2.6 Housing and Regeneration will work closely with local authorities and expert taskforces to implement the Covid-19 Recovery Strategy approved at the Housing & Land Delivery Board in September 2020. This includes continual progression of the Covid-19 project schedule for locally agreed land and development projects.
- 2.7 Housing and Regeneration will continue to create strong investor engagement and developer relationships, including through the establishment of new partnerships and joint ventures.
- 2.8 Existing work on Town Centres, Advanced Manufacturing in Construction (AMC), Zero Carbon Homes and Affordable Housing will continue to be developed by working closely with local authorities and expert taskforces to develop compelling business cases. Specifically, a Zero Carbon Homes Routemap and Charter will be published in Q2 2021 and the Affordable Housing Collaborative Delivery Vehicle is expected to be established in 2021.
- 2.9 Housing and Regeneration will continue to deliver the regional One Public Estate (OPE) Programme, achieving all the prescribed targets and producing quarterly reports.
- 2.10 A new advisory Public Land Taskforce, as agreed by the Housing & Land Delivery Board on the 7th of September 2020, will be launched in February 2021.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct finance implications from this paper, however there are significant financial implications to deliver the Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables for 2021/22. To ensure solid financial stewardship the team will endeavour to utilise internal resource first, only commissioning externally after all internal options have been exhausted.

3.2 Any subsequent WMCA investment to deliver the Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables for 2021/22 would be governed and administered through the Single Commissioning Framework, WMCA Single Assurance Framework, the Commissioning Monitoring Group and in line with the accounting and taxation policies of the WMCA and HMRC.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

5 Equalities Implications

5.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

6 Inclusive Growth Implications

6.1 There are no direct Inclusive Growth implications arising from this report, but Inclusive Growth outcomes are intended to be delivered by the Housing and Land Portfolio deliverables.

7 Geographical Area of Report's Implications

7.1 This report covers the whole of the WMCA area.

8 Other Implications

8.1 There are no other implications arising from this report.

9 Schedule of Background Papers

9.1 The Housing and Land Portfolio Deliverables for 2020/21 as agreed by WMCA Board are annexed to this report.