

## Scrutiny Review - Scoping Document

<b>A Review of West Midlands Combined Authority's Housing &amp; Land Policy Helping to Deliver Affordable and Social Housing</b>	
<b>Work to be carried out by:</b>	Councillor Lisa Trickett Councillor Naeem Akhtar Councillor Simon Peale Councillor Vera Waters
<b>Specialist Officer:</b>	Rob Lamond, Strategic Planning Manager, Housing & Regeneration
<b>Support Officer:</b>	Lyndsey Roberts, Scrutiny Officer
<b>Date of Review:</b>	October 2021 – March 2022
<b>Purpose of the Review:</b>	
To examine the role and remit of the WMCA to deliver affordable and social housing within the West Midlands through the use of the Brownfield Land Remediation Fund, and to consider how this supported and added value to the responsibilities of the constituent authorities in respect of affordable and social housing provision.	
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the region's affordable and social housing needs determined and what account is taken for sub-regional socio-economic differences in the calculation of regional need?</li> <li>• What is the role of the WMCA in the supply of affordable and social housing in the West Midlands? How does the Brownfield Land Remediation Fund help support this role, and how clearly is this role understood across the region and amongst partners?</li> <li>• How does this role support and contribute to the constituent authority's responsibility for the delivery of affordable and social housing within their district?</li> <li>• To understand the number of sites funded through the Brownfield Land Remediation Fund to date, the number of housing units delivered on these sites, and the percentage of these units that have been designated as affordable and social.</li> <li>• Does the Brownfield Land Remediation Fund adequately use its commissioning and contracting influence to maximise the delivery of affordable and social housing units within the individual schemes it funds?</li> <li>• What are the impacts and implications on the Brownfield Land Remediation Fund of the differential cost of Land Remediation across the region?</li> </ul>	
<b>Scope</b>	
As part of the evidence gathering to achieve the objectives, the review group will invite the following individuals to share their views and suggestions:	

- Gareth Bradford, Director of Housing & Regeneration
- A representative from Homes England
- A representative from Shelter
- Representatives from Housing Associations
- A representative from Civic Square (Port Loop Development)
- A planner from a local authority
- Chair of the West Midlands Housing Association Partnership

**Intended Outcome:**

The Chair of the review will submit a report, with recommendations as appropriate, to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Objective for 2021/22:**

To establish whether the West Midlands Combined Authority's policies are helping those that are most in need - to ensure that the hardest to reach communities feel the benefit of the WMCA's work.

**WMCA Officer Responsible:**

Dan Essex, Governance Services Manager

Review Timetable	Lead person(s)	Completion by
Meeting with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to discuss the purpose/objectives of the review.	Lyndsey Roberts	7 July 2021
Submit draft scope to Dan Essex, Governance Services Manager for review.	Lyndsey Roberts	9 July 2021
Submit draft scope to Gareth Bradford for early review.	Lyndsey Roberts	9 July 2021
Draft scoping document to be submitted to Overview & Scrutiny Committee for review/comments/changes.	Lyndsey Roberts	13 July 2021
Meeting of the Review Group to discuss way forward and key witnesses	Lyndsey Roberts	6 October 2021
Evidence Pack to be circulated to the review group	Lyndsey Roberts	December 2021
Second Meeting of the Review Group to discuss evidence received and to meet with the Director of Housing and Regeneration	Lyndsey Roberts	28 January 2022
Scrutiny Review Group/key participants session	Lyndsey Roberts	7 March 2022
Draft report prepared	Rob Lamond/Lyndsey Roberts	8 March 2022

Draft report to be shared with key individuals engaged in the review (electronically)	Lyndsey Roberts	9 March 2022
OSC report to be shared with Overview & Scrutiny Committee members (electronically)	Lyndsey Roberts	9 March 2022
OSC report to be submitted to WMCA Board for consideration (if required)	Dan Essex	10 March 2022