



COUNCIL CABINET
8 February 2017

Report of the Leader of the Council

ITEM 20 Addendum

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters - Addendum

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Addendum to Contract and Financial Procedure Matters report to approve the submission of an expression of interest to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Approval is sought to submit an Expression of Interest to the HCA in respect of its Accelerating Construction prospectus noting that the submission of any funding bid and acceptance will be subject to further approval of Council Cabinet.
- 2.2 Specifically, Council Cabinet is asked to note the HCA's requirement that the Council provide:

"assurance of the authority's commitment, both executive and political leadership to the programme in terms of identification of LA /other public sector surplus sites; fast tracking planning requirements; to try innovative new approaches and work proactively with the HCA and an HCA procured developer/contractor to deliver in line with the programme delivery timetable";

and to provide an in principle commitment to work proactively with the HCA to deliver this programme subject always to a full report being considered by Council Cabinet when more details in relation to the scheme are known.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Government through the HCA have invited local authorities to submit an expression of interest in support of the Accelerated Construction (of new homes) prospectus by 28 February 2017.
- 3.2 Ongoing support from the HCA will help realise the target of new homes in the city, with housing delivery currently below the required pace in the period 2011-2028 of Derby's Core Strategy.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 In response to the shortage of supply of new homes, the Government has stated its commitment into taking direct action to help fix the housing market and increase the supply of new homes.
- 4.2 A late opportunity has arisen from the Government through the HCA inviting Local Authorities to submit an expression of interest to their Accelerated Construction (of new homes) prospectus by 28 February 2017. The HCA is offering a tailored package of support to ambitious local authorities who would like to develop out surplus land holdings at pace.
- 4.3 The submission of this expression of interest is the first stage and if successful the council will consider submitting a bid which would include proposals of land options to be developed for new housing and a programme to show accelerated construction delivery timescales. Prior to bid submission, further approval will be sought.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1. None.

Legal

2. None

Personnel

3. None

IT

4. None

Equalities Impact

5. None

Health and Safety

6. None

Environmental Sustainability

7. None

Property and Asset Management

8. None

Risk Management and Safeguarding

9. None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10. None