

Report Name	Responsible Officer	Allocation	Spend	Balance	Progress/Outcomes from Bid
Housing Delivery Strategy – funding to appoint Advisors	DCCS	£45,000	£30,000	£15,000	<p>Gerald Eve consultants were appointed in June 2019. Workshop held in July was attended by four members of the Housing Programme Working Committee and eight senior officers. Output of this workshop was to establish a matrix by which opportunities would be assessed in order to support Members identify the type of new housing deliver opportunity with the best fit.</p> <p>Gerald Eve then undertook a mix of desk-based research complimented with exploratory discussions with a range of potential partners including Homes England, Transport For London and the Greater London Authority. The key issues emerging from those discussions were CoL’s appetite for risk and availability of funds.</p> <p>Following an interim report in November 2019 it was concluded by the Working Group that continuing discussions could be counterproductive as it would raise expectations that the CoL may be unable to meet particularly around access to finance. In any case, were funding not an issue, any partnership was unlikely to unlock additional housing by 2025, and certainly not in the numbers that should be achieved through the market sites disposals.</p> <p>A report is currently coming to P&R in December, following the Housing Programme Working group on 24th November in which there is a recommendation for Members to consider withdrawing / amending the additional policy to enable the delivery of housing units additional to the strategic market sites disposals and CoL’s social housing estates, due to the current lack of available funding and other financial pressures.</p>

Key Responsible Officer:

DCCS Director of Community & Children’s Services