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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI3191

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You requested the following information:

- 1) *Please provide a full list of HCA Investment Partner Status organisations.*
- 2) *I am particularly interested in local authority organisations that have qualified for this status.*
- 3) *Are there any County Council's that have HCA Investment Partner Status.*
- 4) *Please provide a list of which organisations have received grant money under the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-2021*
 - a. *List of organisations*
 - b. *Amount of grant received*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn.

Please note that Homes England was launched by the Secretary of State on 11 January 2018. Homes England is the trading name of Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) (the legal entity).

Section 43(2) – Commercial Sensitivities

On 1 December we wrote to you to advise that a qualified exemption (S43(2)) applied to the information you were seeking and that we required further time to determine whether the public interest favoured disclosure or non-disclosure.

Section 43 is a qualified exemption. This means that once we have decided that the exemption is engaged, Homes England must carry out a public interest test to assess whether or not it is in the wider public interest for the information to be disclosed.

Arguments in favour of disclosure:

- Homes England acknowledges there is a general public interest in promoting accountability, transparency, public understanding and involvement in how Homes England undertakes its work and how it spends public money; and

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- Homes England acknowledges that there is a public interest in the organisations it works with and provides funding/grants and assistance to under our schemes.

Arguments in favour of withholding:

- The individual organisations provided in Annex A & B may be subject to public scrutiny in relation to their relationship with Homes England and any funding/grants awarded if this information were in the public domain. They may face lobbying which may impact their ability to proceed with the funding/grants given by Homes England and potential homes may be put at risk.

We have considered the arguments for and against disclosure of this information and have concluded that the public interest favours disclosure.

1) Please provide a full list of HCA Investment Partner Status organisations.

This is provided in the attached Annex A. We have also provided classification of the type of organisation.

2) I am particularly interested in local authority organisations that have qualified for this status.

Local authorities are included in Annex A and can be identified using the 'type' column. However, we have also separated out local authorities and provided this separately as Annex B for ease.

3) Are there any County Council's that have HCA Investment Partner Status.

We can advise that currently there are no County Councils that have Homes England Investment Partner status.

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. As such we can advise that whilst there are local authorities listed in the provided annexes that have the word 'county' in their name, these authorities (Northumberland and Durham County Councils) are in fact unitary authorities and no longer county councils.

There are County Councils that have previously had Investment Partner status.

4) Please provide a list of which organisations have received grant money under the Affordable Homes Programme 2016-2021

a. List of organisations

b. Amount of grant received

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on section 21, exemption where information is available to the applicant elsewhere.

The full text of the legislation can be found on the following link and we have quoted section 21 below for ease.

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/21>

21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—



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(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. We can advise that this information is published on the following link: - [Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme 2016 to 2021 summary: end of September 2019 - GOV.UK](#). This information is updated periodically to include new allocation data. The next update containing data up to September 2020 has an anticipated publication date of December 2020.

Please note that we have interpreted your request to refer to the 'Affordable Housing Programme 2016-2021' being the programme name, not that the information requested is for the time period 2016-2020.

General Enquiry outside of the scope of FOIA

You also wrote to our Affordable Housing Programmes (AHP) Team directly with further questions that are outside of the scope of the FOIA. We have addressed these general enquiries within this FOIA response for ease.

Your Enquiry:

- ***Do you have to be a registered provider to get HCA Investment Partner status?***
No. Unregistered bodies are able to qualify as investment partners as well as registered providers.
- ***Do you know of any grant funding available for Extra Care Housing projects – house building for people with high need accommodation?***
Funding for this purpose is being made available through our main Affordable Housing Programme 2021-26 with bidding opening for that programme shortly. Please see details on how to apply in our bidding guidance published on GOV.UK here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-affordable-housing-funding>



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Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Governance Team
Homes England – 6th Floor
Windsor House
50 Victoria Street
London
SW1H 0TL

Or by email to infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
For Homes England

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**RFI3191 – Annex A:
Qualified Homes England Investment Partners**

Partner Name	Type
A2 Dominion Housing Group Limited	RP
A2Dominion South Limited	RP
Abbeyfield Braintree, Bocking and Felsted Society Limited	RP
Abbeyfield Southern Oaks	RP
Accent Corporate Services Limited	RP
Accent Group Limited	RP
ACCLIVE HOMES LIMITED	URB
Accord Housing Association Limited	RP
Acis Group Limited	RP
Action Housing and Support Limited	RP
Adactus Housing Association Limited	RP
Adler Housing	RP
Adur District Council	LA RP
AKSA Housing Association Limited	RP
Aldwyck Housing Group Limited	RP
Almshouse Consortium	URB
Alpha (R.S.L.) Limited	RP
AmicusHorizon Limited	RP
Anchor Hanover Group	RP
Arawak Walton Housing Association Limited	RP
Arches Housing Limited	RP
Ashford Borough Council	LA RP
Aspire Housing Limited	RP
Aster Group Limited	RP
B3 Living Limited	RP
Babergh District Council	LA RP
Back On The Map Enterprises	URB
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Bassetlaw District Council	LA RP
Believe Housing Limited [fka County Durham HGL]	RP
Bernicia Group	RP
Birmingham City Council	LA RP
Blackburn YMCA	RP
Blackpool Council	LA RP
Bolsover District Council	LA RP
bpha Limited	RP
Bradley Big Local CLT	URB
Bridge It Housing UK Team Ltd	RP
Bridgwater YMCA	RP
Brighter Futures Housing Association Limited	RP
Brighton and Hove City Council	LA RP
Broadacres Housing Association Limited	RP
Broadland Housing Association Limited	RP

Bromford HA 2014 Limited	RP
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Calder Valley Community Land Trust Limited	RP
Calico Homes Limited	RP
Cambridge City Council	LA RP
Cannock Chase District Council	LA RP
Canterbury City Council	LA RP
Castles & Coasts Housing Association Limited	RP
Catalyst Housing Limited	RP
Central Bedfordshire Council	LA RP
Chapelton Cohousing Ltd	URB
Chelmer Housing Partnership Limited	RP
Cheltenham Borough Homes Limited	RP
Cheltenham YMCA	RP
Cherwell District Council	LA RP
Cheshire Peaks & Plains Housing Trust	RP
Cheshire West and Chester Council	LA RP
Chestnut Homes Limited	URB
Cheviot Housing Association Limited	RP
Chichester District Council	URB LA
Chorley Community Housing Limited	RP
Citizen Housing Group Limited	RP
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	LA RP
City of Exeter YMCA	RP
City of Lincoln Council	LA RP
City of York Council	LA RP
City South Manchester Housing Trust	RP
Clarion Housing Association Limited	RP
Clarion Housing Group Limited	RP
Coastline Housing Limited	RP
Cobalt Housing Limited	RP
Colne Housing Society Limited	RP
Community Gateway Association Limited	RP
Community Gateway Association Limited	RP
Connect Housing Association Limited	RP
Connexus Housing Limited	RP
Contour Homes Limited	RP
Cornwall Community Land Trust Ltd	RP
Cornwall Council	LA RP
Cornwall Rural Housing Association Limited	RP
Countryside Properties (UK) Limited	URB
Craven District Council	LA RP
Crawley Open House	URB
Creative Support Limited	RP
Cross Keys Homes Limited	RP
Curo Places Limited	RP
Darlington Borough Council	LA RP

DePaul Housing Services	RP
Derby City Council	LA RP
Derwent Housing Association Limited	RP
Derwentside Homes	RP
Devon & Cornwall Housing Association Limited	RP
Devon and Cornwall Housing Limited	RP
Dimensions (UK) Limited	RP
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Dorset Council	URB LA
Dover District Council	LA RP
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Durham County Council	LA RP
East Midlands Housing Association Limited	RP
East Riding Of Yorkshire Council	LA RP
Eastlands Homes Partnership Limited	RP
Eden Housing Association Limited	RP
Eldon Housing Association Limited	RP
Elim Housing Association Limited	RP
Empowering People Inspiring Communities Limited	RP
Engie Regeneration Limited	URB
English Rural Housing Association Limited	RP
Equity Housing Group Limited	RP
Erimus Housing Limited	RP
Esh Acorn Homes Limited	URB
Estuary Housing Association Limited	RP
Fairoak Housing Association	RP
Festival Housing Limited	RP
First Choice Homes Oldham Limited	RP
First Step Group Limited	URB
Flagship Housing Group Limited	RP
Forhousing Limited	RP
Fortis Living Limited	RP
Framework Housing Association	RP
Funding Affordable Homes Housing Association Limited	RP
Galliford (Vistry Linden Homes)	URB
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Gedling Homes	RP
Gentoo Group Limited	RP
Gloucester City Homes Limited	RP
Golding Homes Limited	RP
Grainger Trust Limited	RP
Grand Union Housing Group Limited	RP
Great Places Housing Association	RP
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	URB LA
GreenSquare Group Limited	RP
Halton Housing Trust Limited	RP
Harrogate Borough Council	LA RP

Hartlepool Borough Council	LA RP
Hastoe Housing Association Limited	RP
Heart of Medway Housing Association Limited	RP
Helena Partnerships Limited	RP
Hellens Residential Limited	RP
Heylo Housing Limited	URB
Heylo Housing Secured Bond Plc	URB
HH No 3 Ltd	URB
HH No.2 Ltd	URB
HH No.5 Ltd	URB
Highstone Housing Association Limited	RP
Hightown Housing Association Limited	RP
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	LA RP
Home Group Limited	RP
Homeless Action Resource Project	RP
Honeycomb Group Ltd	RP
Housing & Care 21	RP
Housing Hartlepool	RP
Humankind Charity	RP
Hyde Housing Association Limited	RP
Incommunities Group Limited	RP
Irwell Valley Housing Association Limited	RP
J & M Residential Lettings Limited	RP
Jessup	URB
Jigsaw Homes Group Ltd	RP
Karbon Homes Limited	RP
Keelman Homes Limited	RP
KEEPMOAT HOMES LIMITED	URB
Keswick Community Housing Trust Limited	RP
Kier Community Living LLP	URB
Kier Group	URB
Kingston upon Hull City Council	LA RP
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Knightstone Housing Association Limited	RP
Knowsley Housing Trust	RP
Leazes Homes Limited	RP
Leeds City Council	LA RP
Leeds Federated Housing Association Limited	RP
Legal & General Affordable Homes	RP
Lincolnshire Housing Partnership Limited	RP
Live West Homes Limited	RP
LIVERPOOL MUTUAL HOMES LIMITED	RP
Loddon Homes Limited	RP
London & Quadrant Housing Trust Limited	RP
Longhurst Group Limited	RP
Lovell Partnerships Limited	URB
Magenta Living	RP

Manchester City Council / Northwards	LA RP
Mansfield District Council	LA RP
Merlin Housing Society Limited	RP
Metropolitan Housing Trust Limited	RP
MHS Homes Limited	URB
Mid Devon District Council	LA RP
Mid Suffolk District Council	LA RP
Middlesbrough Council	LA RP
Midland Heart Limited	RP
Moat Homes Limited	RP
Network Homes Limited	RP
New Charter Homes Limited	RP
Newark and Sherwood District Council	LA RP
Newcastle City Council	LA RP
North Kesteven District Council	LA RP
North Norfolk District Council	LA RP
North Tyneside Council	LA RP
Northumberland County Council	LA RP
Notting Hill Genesis	RP
Nottingham City Council	LA RP
Nottingham City Homes Registered Provider Limited	RP
Nottingham Community Housing Association Limited	RP
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	LA RP
Octavia Housing	RP
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
One Housing Group Limited	RP
One Vision Housing Limited	RP
Ongo Homes Limited	RP
Optivo Homes Limited	RP
Orbit Group Limited	RP
Orwell Housing Association Limited	RP
Paradigm Housing Group Limited	RP
Paragon Asra Housing Limited	RP
Paragon Community Housing Group Limited	RP
Paragon Community Housing Limited	RP
Partners Foundation Limited	RP
Peabody Trust	RP
Peabody Trust [f.k.a. Family Mosaic]	RP
Peak District Rural Housing	RP
Pierhead Housing Association Limited	RP
Places for People Group Limited	RP
Places for People Living+ Limited	RP
Platform Housing	RP
Platform Housing Group Limited	RP
Plexus UK (First Project) Limited	RP
Plus Dane Housing Group Limited	RP
Plus Dane Housing Limited	RP

Portsmouth City Council	LA RP
Rapport Housing and Care	RP
RCVDA (Redcar and Cleveland) Community Housing CIC	URB
Reading Borough Council	LA RP
Resi Housing Limited	RP
Riverside Housing Association Limited	RP
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing Limited	RP
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Rugby Borough Council	LA RP
Ryedale District Council	LA RP
Sadeh Lok Limited	RP
Sage Housing Limited	RP
Salford City Council	LA RP
Salix Homes Limited	RP
Salvation Army Housing Association	RP
Sanctuary Housing Association	RP
Saxon Weald Homes Limited	RP
Selby District Council	LA RP
Selwood Housing Society Limited	RP
Sempra Homes Limited	URB
Settle Group	RP
Sevenside Housing	RP
SHA 2016 Limited	RP
Sheffield City Council	LA RP
Shoreline Housing Partnership Limited	RP
Shropshire Council	LA RP
SLAYCO LIMITED	URB
Soha Housing Limited	RP
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Solon South West Housing Association Limited	RP
South Derbyshire District Council	LA RP
South Hams District Council	URB LA
South Holland District Council	LA RP
South Lakes Housing	RP
South Liverpool Homes Limited	RP
South Staffordshire Housing Association Limited	RP
South Tyneside Housing Ventures Trust Limited	RP
South Yorkshire Housing Association Limited	RP
Southern Housing Group Limited	RP
Southway Housing Trust (Manchester) Limited	RP
Sovereign Housing Association	RP
Spectrum Housing Group Limited	RP
Spelthorne Borough Council	URB LA
St Albans City and District Council	LA RP
St Vincent's Housing Association Limited	RP
Stafford Homes Limited	RP
Stoke on Trent & North Staffordshire YMCA Foyer	RP

Stoke on Trent City Council	LA RP
Stonewater (2) Limited	RP
Stonewater (3) Limited	RP
Stonewater (4) Limited	RP
Stonewater Limited	RP
Stroud District Council	LA RP
Sturts Community Trust	RP
Sunderland City Council	RP
Swan Housing Association Limited	RP
Swindon Borough Council	LA RP
Tamworth Cornerstone Housing	RP
TCUK Homes Limited	RP
Tees Valley Housing Limited	RP
Teignbridge District Council	LA RP
Thames Valley Housing Association Limited	RP
Thanet District Council	LA RP
The Abbeyfield Society	RP
The Cambridge Housing Society Limited	RP
The Community Housing Group Limited	RP
The ExtraCare Charitable Trust	RP
The Glendale Gateway Trust	RP
The Guinness Partnership Limited	RP
The Havebury Housing Partnership	RP
The Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust	RP
The Peninsula Trust	URB
The Pioneer Housing and Community Group Limited	RP
The Swaythling Housing Society Limited	RP
The Wrekin Housing Group Limited	RP
Thirteen Housing Group Limited	RP
Together Housing Association	RP
Torus 62	RP
Town and Country Housing Group	RP
Transform Housing & Support	RP
Transition Homes Community Land Trust	URB
Trent And Dove Housing Limited	RP
Tristar Homes Limited	RP
Tyne Housing Association Limited	RP
Unity Housing Association Limited	RP
Uttlesford District Council	LA RP
Vectis Housing Association Limited	RP
Victory Housing Trust	RP
Viridian Housing	RP
Vivid Housing Limited	RP
Wakefield And District Housing Limited	RP
Walsall Housing Group Limited	RP
Warrington Housing Association Limited	RP
Warwick District Council	LA RP

Waterloo Housing Group 2018 Limited	RP
Watford Community Housing Trust	RP
Weaver Vale Housing Trust Limited	RP
West Kent Housing Association	RP
Wigan Council	LA RP
Wiltshire Council	LA RP
Wirral Partnership Homes Limited	RP
Witton Lodge Community Association	URB
Wolverhampton City Council	LA RP
Worthing Homes Limited	RP
Wulvern Housing Limited	RP
YMCA Downslink Group	RP
YMCA East Surrey	RP
Yorkshire Housing Limited	RP
Your Housing Group Limited	RP

Acronyms used:

RP = Registered Provider (i.e. an organisation usually a housing association or other that is registered with the Social Housing Regulator as a provider of social housing)

LA = Local Authority

LA RP = Local Authority Registered Provider (i.e. registered with the Social Housing Regulator)

URB = Unregistered Body (i.e. a commercial entity usually a company not registered with the Social Housing Regulator)

URB LA = Unregistered Body Local Authority (I.e. a local authority not registered with the Social Housing Regulator)

**RFI3191 – Annex B:
Qualified Homes England Investment Partners - Local
Authorities**

Partner Name	Type
Adur District Council	LA RP
Ashford Borough Council	LA RP
Babergh District Council	LA RP
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Bassetlaw District Council	LA RP
Birmingham City Council	LA RP
Blackpool Council	LA RP
Bolsover District Council	LA RP
Brighton and Hove City Council	LA RP
Bury Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Cambridge City Council	LA RP
Cannock Chase District Council	LA RP
Canterbury City Council	LA RP
Central Bedfordshire Council	LA RP
Cherwell District Council	LA RP
Cheshire West and Chester Council	LA RP
Chichester District Council	URB LA
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	LA RP
City of Lincoln Council	LA RP
City of York Council	LA RP
Cornwall Council	LA RP
Craven District Council	LA RP
Darlington Borough Council	LA RP
Derby City Council	LA RP
Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Dorset Council	URB LA
Dover District Council	LA RP
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Durham County Council	LA RP
East Riding Of Yorkshire Council	LA RP
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	URB LA
Harrogate Borough Council	LA RP
Hartlepool Borough Council	LA RP
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	LA RP
Kingston upon Hull City Council	LA RP
Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Leeds City Council	LA RP
Manchester City Council / Northwards	LA RP
Mansfield District Council	LA RP
Mid Devon District Council	LA RP
Mid Suffolk District Council	LA RP

Middlesbrough Council	LA RP
Newark and Sherwood District Council	LA RP
Newcastle City Council	LA RP
North Kesteven District Council	LA RP
North Norfolk District Council	LA RP
North Tyneside Council	LA RP
Northumberland County Council	LA RP
Nottingham City Council	LA RP
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	LA RP
Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Portsmouth City Council	LA RP
Reading Borough Council	LA RP
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
Rugby Borough Council	LA RP
Ryedale District Council	LA RP
Salford City Council	LA RP
Selby District Council	LA RP
Sheffield City Council	LA RP
Shropshire Council	LA RP
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	LA RP
South Derbyshire District Council	LA RP
South Hams District Council	URB LA
South Holland District Council	LA RP
Spelthorne Borough Council	URB LA
St Albans City and District Council	LA RP
Stoke on Trent City Council	LA RP
Stroud District Council	LA RP
Swindon Borough Council	LA RP
Teignbridge District Council	LA RP
Thanet District Council	LA RP
Uttlesford District Council	LA RP
Warwick District Council	LA RP
Wigan Council	LA RP
Wiltshire Council	LA RP
Wolverhampton City Council	LA RP

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