

PUBLIC MINUTES

of the Special Board meeting of Homes England held at 1pm on Thursday 13 September 2018

Present:

Edward Lister	Chairman
Nick Walkley	Chief Executive
Simon Dudley	
Richard Blakeway	
Stephen Bell	(by phone)

In attendance:

Bayo Dosunmu	Executive Director of the Homes England Development Programme
Gordon More	Chief Investments Officer
Stephen Kinsella	Executive Director Land
Isabella Freeman	General Counsel
Mike Wiltshire	General Manager – Strategy and Performance
Amy Casterton	Chief of Staff
Mary Carter	Board Secretary

Simon Gallagher	MHCLG	Item 1
Ceri Smith, UKGI	Observing on behalf of MHCLG	
Paddy Roche	Boston Consulting Group	Items 2&3
Nick Frost	Boston Consulting Group	Items 2&3
Alice Bolton	Boston Consulting Group	Items 2&3

01/09/18 Apologies were received from Teresa O'Neill, Keith House and Simon Dow.

Item 1 National Planning Policy Framework

02/09/18 Simon Gallagher of MHCLG described the main revisions to the revised National Planning Policy Framework, which sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these should be applied. These included the new standardised methodology for calculating local housing need, the requirement for 10% of homes on major sites being for affordable home ownership, and proposals to encourage greater use of small sites. The proposals aimed to promote a planning-led system, with involvement from the local community, and an activist role for Local Authorities. The proposals would discourage speculative development, promote building in high unaffordability areas, and provide reinforcement for higher density schemes.

03/09/18 The results of the Letwin Review, finding ways to increase the speed of build out, were expected soon, and would include recommendations for Homes England. The government would also publish its proposals to improve local authorities' powers for dealing with unauthorised development and encampments.

06/09/18 The Board NOTED the presentation.

Item 2 Transformation Update

07/09/18 The Chairman informed members that the Secretary of State had approved the appointment of two new Board members. The appointments now required clearance by the Prime Minister's office, but if possible he would invite them to the next Board meeting.

08/09/18 The Chief Executive presented an update on the transformation of Homes England, outlining achievements to date, remaining blockers to change, and proposed next steps.

12/09/18 The Board NOTED the report.

Item 3 Homes England Development Programme

13/09/18 BCG presented an update on progress with the implementation of the recommendations that came out of their review, progress with the set-up of the new Programme structure, a status report on the delivery of the four work streams: organisation, governance, services and culture, and the focus areas for next steps.

Item 4 Delivering the New Organisation

16/09/18 The Executive Director of the Homes England Development Programme sought Board's agreement to continue with further staggered support in transitioning to a new organisation.

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17/09/18 The Board AGREED the implementation of the Risk Management Framework work; AGREED to implement part of phase 3b of the contract to support the delivery of the Operating Model; and AGREED to a review of future BCG work at the 27 September Board meeting.

Item 5 Board Effectiveness Review

18/09/18 The Chief of Staff informed members of proposals to procure an external assessor to conduct a Board Effectiveness Review.

19/09/18 Members AGREED that a Review should be commissioned.

Any Other Business

20/09/18

21/09/18

22/09/18 The Chairman informed members that the opening hour of the Strategy Session on 26 September in Oxfordshire would be for Board members, BCG and the Chief Executive only. They would then be joined by Directors Group for a further session before dinner.

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