



West Yorkshire Housing Partnership CEO Meeting – 12 January 2022 **Summary of Discussions for External Publication**

Background

This document summarises the discussions at the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership on 12 January 2022. It will be published for external partners and stakeholders to keep up to date with the work of the Partnership.

The meeting on 12 January 2022 comprised two parts – a formal business meeting and then a discussion with the Mayor, Tracy Brabin on the recent Annual Report.

Business meeting

The business meeting included the following discussions:

- New supply – How housing providers can deliver the Mayor’s target of 5,000 new affordable homes and what can be done to accelerate delivery.
- Joint ventures – How housing providers might be able to work with the Combined Authority and Local Authorities on potential joint ventures on retrofit and, in the longer term, on new supply.
- Investment and regeneration – How housing providers can work together to tackle damp and mould issues.
- Climate change – Housing providers are awaiting the outcome of a collective submission to the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and are working together on a collective project on solar and battery storage.
- Health and housing – Housing providers are working with West Yorkshire Health and Social Care Partnership (WYHSP) on housing options for older people and the Mayor’s Dementia Task Force.
- Homelessness – Housing providers led by the Local Authorities are working collaboratively on tackling homelessness. A further update will be provided to the next meeting.

Meeting with Mayor Tracy Brabin

The meeting with the Mayor was very positive. The Mayor was provided with a presentation from the Partnership on the annual report, which can be found at - [West Yorkshire Housing Partnership reaches major milestone - Yorkshire Housing](#)
Discussions with the Mayor focussed on the following:

- New supply – The challenges involved in meeting the Mayor’s target of 5,000 new affordable homes.



- Carbon reduction, climate change and reducing fuel poverty – How collectively we improve social housing in West Yorkshire to both reduce carbon emissions and lower fuel bills.
- Homelessness and Housing First – We agreed that homelessness was unacceptable and agreed to examine joint potential solutions such as Housing First.
- Regeneration and grant funding – Grant funding is often targeted towards new supply but in some places it's more cost effective to demolish and rebuild homes.
- Dementia – The Mayor had visited the Dementia Pod led by Connect Housing and is keen to see further progress on dementia activities.