



West Yorkshire Housing Partnership CEO Meeting – 7 November 2023 **Summary of Discussions for External Publication**

Background

This document summarises the discussions at the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership meeting on 7 November 2023. It will be published for external partners and stakeholders to keep up to date with the work of the Partnership.

Meeting summary

The meeting included the following discussions:

- Chair and Vice-Chair selection – Andy Wallhead, Chief Executive of WDH, was selected as the new Chair of the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership, and Nick Atkin, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Housing, was re-selected as the Vice-Chair. The positions will last for 3 years, beginning 1 January 2024.
- West Yorkshire Housing Partnership prospectus – the Partnership is developing an influencing document to share with 2024 West Yorkshire Mayoral candidates, setting out the asks and offers of the Partnership.
- Inclusive growth – Representatives from the Housing Employment Network North East (HENNE) provided information about their approach, achievements and plans for the future.
- Investment and regeneration – Members discussed approaches that the Partnership could take to support planning resource and a project on managing older housing.
- Health, housing and homelessness – Members discussed progress on current projects, including dementia ready housing, trauma informed training, autism training and the NHS asthma referral approach related to health and housing.
- Climate emergency – Members discussed the approach to progressing projects, including on workforce development.
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority – The Combined Authority gave an update on its work, including on the objectives in the Strategic Place Partnership and the consultation on the West Yorkshire Housing Strategy.
- Homes England – An update was provided on bulk deals to deliver affordable housing, flexibilities in funding arrangements to support decarbonisation and regeneration, and the changes to shared ownership rent increases.