

Subject:	MOULSECOOMB NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB & HOUSING SCHEMES: UPDATE REPORT – Extract from the Proceedings of the Housing Committee meeting held on the 17 th November 2021		
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021		
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Wards Affected:	All Wards		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

Action Required of Policy & Resources Committee:

To receive the recommendations of the Housing Committee for consideration.

Recommendations:

- 2.1 That officers be authorised to progress the submission of a planning application for the Moulsecoomb Hub and Housing development.
- 2.2 That it be agreed that the anticipated budget for this stage of £2.1m to be funded by HRA Borrowing and included as part of the 2021/22 HRA Capital Programme.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE

4.00pm 17 November 2021

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Gibson (Joint Chair), Hugh-Jones (Joint Chair), Hills (Deputy Chair), Williams (Opposition Spokesperson), Mears (Group Spokesperson), Barnett, Fowler, Meadows, Phillips (Substituting for Osborne) and Platts.

PART ONE

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- 43.1 The Regeneration Programme Manager (Housing Supply) introduced the report to the committee.
- 43.2 Councillor Williams raised concerns regarding social housing rents and was informed by Sam Smith that the rents have not yet been decided and this was being currently being looked into.
- 43.3 Councillor Mears raised concerns regarding accessibility and was informed by Sam Smith that a programme was in place looking at mobility across the city and was looking at this site, which has a challenging topography. The councillor requested that the finances be carefully watched and not allowed to run away.
- 43.4 Councillor Platts raised concerns regarding carbon neutrality and was informed by Laura Webster that the air and ground heat source pumps were being investigated for the development, along with local materials and an increase in public realm elements of the site. A report on Carbon predictions is currently being awaited. It is noted that zero carbon emissions will not be possible, however all aspects are being looked at for the whole project including concrete mix. The councillor requested that residents be updated and was informed that the local action group were being constantly updated on the development and the communications team would be uploading information to the council website.
- 43.5 Councillor Hills commented that they felt the development was a good use of the site and would be an asset to the wider community. It was considered that a model of the design would be good for public engagement.
- 43.6 Councillor Gibson stated that they were excited about this big housing regeneration scheme, which was complex. It was noted that the council would need to be mindful of the finances.
- 43.7 The committee discussed appendix two in the confidential section of the meeting.

43.8 A vote was taken, and the committee unanimously agreed the recommendations.

43.9 **RESOLVED:** That the Housing Committee recommends to Policy & Resource Committee that Policy & Resources Committee:

- (1) Authorises officers to progress the submission of a planning application for the Moulsecoomb Hub and Housing development.
- (2) Agrees the anticipated budget for this stage of £2.1m to be funded by HRA Borrowing and included as part of the 2021/22 HRA Capital Programme.

