

Appendix A - Significant governance issues

Issue	Action	Responsible Officer
<p>Development Company</p> <p>The Council has approved the formation of a wholly owned development company, Arkwood Developments Limited. The Company's primary objective is to develop market housing for sale or rent. The Company may also bring forward commercial build.</p>	<p>The Company was incorporated in 2018 and robust governance arrangements are in place to ensure that the Council retains a thorough overview of its wholly owned Company.</p> <p>The Company's Business Plan and a Business case for its first development site on land at Bowbridge Road have been approved by the Council through its shareholder and Policy and Finance Committees. Equity capital and loan funding (covered by a detailed Loan Agreement) has been approved and released to the Company.</p> <p>The company has progressed development of 87 homes and has to date sold 5 homes off-plan. Progress of the company in meeting the objectives set out in the Shareholders Agreement will be monitored by the Shareholders' Committee, and by the Policy and Finance Committee.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>
<p>Re-integration of Housing Management Function</p> <p>During 2018/19 the Council reviewed its arrangements regarding the Housing Management function, culminating in the "in principle" decision to bring the service in-house for direct service provision by the Council, subject to tenant consultation.</p>	<p>The Council brought back its Housing Service on the 1st February 2020. As part of this, the Council has established a review of tenant engagement. It is a regulatory requirement of housing providers to deliver effective opportunities for tenants to influence the design and delivery of housing services and their homes and to hold their landlord to account. This review will establish the preferred approach to ensure customers (future, present and</p>	<p>Director – Housing, Health and Wellbeing</p>

	<p>past) views are used to scrutinise and shape services.</p> <p>A Housing Advisory Group was established by the Homes and Communities Committee and its first meeting was held on 25th February 2020.</p> <p>The role of the Housing Advisory Group is to create an informal forum through which the comments/views of the tenant representatives can be heard on a range of tenant-related matters and then be incorporated into the consideration of these items by the Homes & Communities Committee. The Housing Advisory Group, is effectively a working party of the Committee, and does not have any delegated authority or decision-making powers. It will cease following the implementation of its work and conclusions around the review of tenant involvement and engagement.</p>	
<p>Yorke Drive Development</p> <p>The Council continues to develop the Yorke Drive area of Newark. There remains key risks to address with delivery from a technical and financial perspective.</p>	<p>The project is currently in the preliminary stage, for which site investigations continue and negotiations continue. Officers will continue to work through the issues and provide updates to relevant Committee meetings.</p>	<p>Director – Housing, Health and Wellbeing</p>