

Submission for Cardiff Council – Communities Scrutiny Committee

Cardiff Community Housing Association

Thank you for allowing me to update you on the work that Cardiff Council and Cardiff Community Housing Association are jointly delivering. It is fair to say we have a strong and positive relationship with officers from a range of services across the Council.

We participate fully in the common housing register ensuring that our homes are accessed by people on the waiting list. 22% of our lettings are made to homeless individuals. We were managing the accessible housing register for the Cardiff region but recently agreed that this was transferred to the Council as part of their approach to accommodating older people and adapted properties. We continue to part fund the list with the Council and other housing associations, recognising the importance of maintaining adapted homes for people who need them.

We work well with the Housing Strategy and Regeneration Teams developing multi tenure and multi-use sites in our heartlands and consider large scale regeneration projects to be an area of expertise. The regeneration of Loudoun Square was a strategic project that delivered positive outcomes in terms of affordable housing, health services, council services and most importantly for the community. More recently Council officers and CCHA have completed Phase 1 of the Maelfa scheme in Llanedeyrn – a multi-use scheme including retail and new affordable housing. Phase 2 of the Maelfa scheme is on site.

We have built 85 private for sale homes on Schooner Way using the profits from such to deliver more affordable homes, reducing our reliance of Welsh Assembly grant.

We are currently preparing our affordable housing delivery plan for the next three years whereby we feel our current finances would allow the development of 200 affordable homes over a three year period. We are awaiting the outcome of the Ministerial Affordable Housing Review to clarify how many homes we can develop on an annual basis following our initial 3-year delivery plan.

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