

## Appendix 2a: Shareholder Committee

### 1.1.1 Purpose

To act as on behalf of the Executive as the shareholder in order to ensure that the duties and responsibilities of the Council as the sole shareholder of its wholly owned companies are exercised through each company and to manage overall relationships with the wholly owned companies.

To act as the accountable body on behalf of the Council for Homes England's Inner Area Housing Regeneration Programmes (hereafter referred to as 'the Housing Regeneration Programmes').

### 1.1.2 Membership

Membership comprises of three elected members, (two Executive Members and a co-opted member).

For items in connection with the Housing Regeneration Programmes, then the relevant Executive Members whose portfolio covers the relevant Programmes, as appropriate will be invited to attend the Committee and may speak but not vote on these items.

A senior/ Chief Officer/s of the Council would also be in attendance as the representative/s of the Chief Executive. If there are budget/ finance items on for discussion then the Council's Chief Finance Officer (or representative) may also be in attendance.

The Chair of the Company and the Managing Director would attend the meetings along with the Company Secretary and where appropriate one or more other Non-Executive Directors may attend. Where a company has a Finance Director, this person may also be called upon to attend the meetings.

The quorum for this meeting is as per the Executive Procedure Rules, set out in the Council's constitution with the two voting Executive members needing to be present.

The Shareholder Committee will always seek to make decisions via consensus with agreement from all members. In the event of a formal vote being required as a Committee of Executive only the Executive Committee members will be able to vote.

### 1.1.3 Responsibilities

- To act as the Executive decision making body in line with the Executive Decision Making Criteria in relation to all shareholder matters relating to companies and any Housing Regeneration Programme matters which are not otherwise delegated to the appropriate Cabinet Member (the Deputy Leader of the Council), Chief Officers or it

be a matter for Council (where the matter is a Council decision then a recommendation should come from this committee)

- To provide an articulation of what success looks like in terms of achieving social outcomes and/or a return on investment in each of the companies
- To approve, following consideration by company Boards, the strategic business plan
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the company boards and the delivery of the company performance against strategic objectives and the business plan
- To provide financial oversight of companies
- To approve any borrowing or loans undertaken by companies in line with the Executive decision making criteria
- To provide the necessary oversight from a shareholder's perspective that the governance arrangements, policies and boundaries that the council has established are being adhered to
- To provide a holistic review of risk to the council offered by Council companies
- To approve the establishment or disestablishment of any companies or their subsidiaries
- To periodically review whether each entity provides the most effective vehicle to deliver the outcomes it requires and whether there are viable alternative models which might offer a more effective means of delivering its priorities
- To review and monitor (as appropriate) Shareholder/ Management Agreements and Articles of Associations, in particular where there are areas of concern.
- To have oversight of key significant partnerships.

#### 1.1.4 **Frequency of meetings**

A minimum of two meetings per year with each company, with any others dependent on urgency of business. For significant partnerships a minimum of one meeting per year.

Meetings of the Committee which have items relating to the Housing Regeneration Programmes may be on a more frequent basis to fulfill the needs of the accountable body role.