**KHG Meeting Action Decision Log – 5 February 2018, Ashford Borough Council, Ashford**

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| **Present**: Sarah Robson, Chair & Shepway DC; Jo Ellis, T&CHG; Linda Hibbs, TMBC; Christy Holden, KCC; Gillian Aylett, TMBC; Marion Money, NLA; Deborah White, West Kent HA; Mike Nee, Sanctuary Housing; Sharon Williams, Ashford BC; Mel Anthony, KCC; Brian Horton, SELEP; Debra Exall KCC; Eileen Martin, Optivo; Steve Nunn, Moat; Mark Leader, WKHA; Lesley Clay, JPPB; Bob Porter, Thanet DC; Emma Bartlett, Canterbury CC; Brian Horton, SELEP; Jo Downs, Riverside; Olushola Alao, Hyde; Kevin Hetherington, KHC Chair and TWBC; Hayley Brooks, Sevenoaks DC; Paul Thomas, SELEP Business Board Member; Suzanne Smith, MHS Homes; Helen Campbell-Wroe, Pathways to Independence; Tracey Kerly, Ashford BC; Rebecca Smith & Jill Pells, KHG;  **Apologies**: Marie Royle, Canterbury City Council; Ashley Hook, MHS Homes; Claire Billis, Clarion Group; Sasha Harrison, SHG; Dave Smith, NHF; Andrew Meyer, Orbit; Nick Fenton, KDG; June Heslop, SHG; Vicky Hodson, Kent Homechoice; Adrian Maunders, ERHA; Andrew Bircher, MHS Homes; Andrew Paterson, Canterbury CC; Jane Iley, Rapport Housing; Gary Clark, Golding Homes; Stephen Elliot, Riverside; Kerry Petts, Shepway DC; Maria Jacobs, Moat; Paul Whitfield, Dover DC; John Littlemore, Maidstone BC & Chair of JPPB  **Visitors**: Frank Czarnowski, West Kent HA; Mike Ridgewell, K & M STP; Abbie Gardner, NPS, Carol Cairns, Homes England; Caroline Smith, KCC; Michael Cleaver, Housing Forum; Richard Miller & Oliver Westray, McLaren Group | | | | |
| **Reference** | **Notes** | **Action/Decision** | **Lead** | **Timescale** | |
| **Minutes and Matters Arising September 2017** | Agreed. |  |  |  | |
| **Kent and Medway STP** | MR provided an overview about the K&M STP.  SR advised MR that East Kent are developing an integrated partnership about delivery of DFG’s as now funded through the BCF, how can the STP and Local Care Model be incorporated into this?  MR advised there needs to be liaison with local hubs (MDT’s) which will be either virtual or physical hubs. MR can put KHG in contact with the appropriate people to progress this.  SR suggested KHG presenting to the STP on our offer and the benefits of our partnership in particular in relation to the local care model. Caroline Silkirk is leading for Medway on Multi-Disciplinary Care Teams and the appropriate contact.  LH provided feedback from a recent GP meeting where it was clear that working with D/B colleagues was not preferable, considered another layer of bureaucracy.  SW Noted that there is a Maturity Matrix for each area, which can identify what is available in each area and where the gaps are. How do we access this? MR to send information. Ashford BC is involved in a number of projects and schemes, which would benefit health to be involved with.  CH raised the work KCC has undertaken on the Accommodation Strategy and the opportunities that exist with housing and health. SR confirmed the will to work with Health and asked about how to progress this. | Presentation to be available on request  MR to provide contacts/links for Local Care Model and Hubs for project work  MR to provide contact details  LH to provide MR details of this location meeting with GP’s  MR to share information  RS to liaise with MR about a more detailed presentation on the Local Care Model | **RS**  **MR/RS**  **MR**  **LH/MR**  **RS/MR** | **As requested** | |
| **Housing and Homelessness Paper** | Abbie Gardner, Senior probation Officer with the National Probation Service (NPS) gave an introduction to the paper she has written on housing and homelessness related to her client group.  Raised issues of clients not having somewhere safe and secure to reside.  The scope of her paper is to look at what are the strategic and systemic issues facing service users. The paper recommends joint training of staff, which might help. Some NPS staff have attended Homeless Reduction Act training.  Barriers faced by offenders include, decisions of intentionality when presenting as homeless to an LA. Some LA’s consider offenders as high risk of harm and can be excluded from other services as well as housing. High Risk term can be regarded in more than one context, the paper recommends training to provide more understanding.  Probation does not have accommodation they can provide other than approved premises – only one in Maidstone with 31 beds. They cannot place people there because they require housing, only as a risk management measure.  The paper looks at what can be done within existing resources. There are 16 recommendations, colleagues to provide feedback as appropriate. | **Summary Paper to be circulated by email to colleagues** | **RS** |  | |
| **Homes England Update** | Homes England launched on 11 January 2018. A new organisation playing a much bigger and stronger role in investing to deliver homes. Will be acting differently from HCA. Will be using their land, finance and expertise to deliver housing. Want to work and connect with ambitious housing providers. There will be a more commercial approach, more focussed to unlock supply, exploring opportunities to leverage finance and have remit to use compulsory purchase powers. HE CEX has spoken about disrupting the market, HE are also considering modern methods of construction to accelerate delivery.  Nationally over 8,000 hectares of land. Funding over £20B to 2021 to accelerate housing building, also looking at where there is a need to up skill staff, bring in additional resources, to deliver the agenda.  Initial priorities approaching the end of the financial year is to continue to deliver existing programmes. £866M to fund schemes- gap funding. Total fund of £5B – very competitive. Home Building Fund is still available to private sector businesses. Strong partnerships in place with HAs and Las, colleagues urged to speak to HE on schemes they feel may be difficult to deliver (incl LA colleagues).  South East - £4.7B to deliver 9K+ homes. A lot of funding still to be claimed if there is start on site by year-end. Affordable housing is high on the Government’s agenda HE ready to work with members.  SW asked if there is any news on increasing HRA debt cap (borrowing allowances) and use of one for one receipts – any flexibility. CC advised that currently there is no update on debt caps. CC advised that 0ne for one receipts cannot be used with HE grant.  Will try to get a newsletter out in the future to keep members up to date with what is happening and available. Noted that some East Kent authorities successful with HIF bids. | **Presentation slides to be shared via the KHG website** | **CC/RS** |  | |
| **Place Shapers Update** | Placeshapers journey is entwined with KHG; KHG was the model for Placeshapers. 119 members of Place Shapers, all community HAs. Biggest cohort is in the North of England.  USP for the group is - We build, we work, we care and we share. Place Shapers is a group for HA’s but is collaborative, is well respected and has a voice that is heard, and part of important work to lobby Government. | **Presentation to be posted to KHG website** |  |  | |
| **Older Persons Accommodation Options** | RM provided an overview of the business model and offer to colleagues about Senior Living Accommodation, including information about sites and delivery in Sussex recently.  RM would like to work with partners in Kent, to consider options regarding housing with care, how to access land or ability to secure grant funding.  McLaren could possibly sponsor the Excellence Awards. | **Presentation to be shared via the KHG website**  **Contact RM at McLaren regarding possible sponsorship** | **RS**  **JP** | **By 16th Feb**  **By end March** | |
| **The Housing Forum** | MC has previously worked for HAs and joined the Housing Forum recently, due to his concern about the quality of homes being provided. The Housing Forum is a cross Sector membership organisation and provides many opportunities for networking. Local authorities in Kent are part of the membership via KHG.  There is a Leadership Programme running, with publications and links to work available on the Housing Forum website. | **Presentation to be posted via KHG website** | **RS** | **By 16th Feb** | |
| **KCC Update** | CS gave an update on Care Leavers, running through the current situation and numbers regarding Care Leavers. CS is in an Interim position currently at KCC. LC confirmed that the Care Leavers protocol is signed off and to go on the KHG website. It was also noted that Andrew MacDonald (KCC) is very realistic about housing prospects.  CH updated on the Accommodation Strategy refresh, including information about the update of data and what provision is required going forward. The numbers identified are in relation to 65 years+ and Extra Care provision meets needs of those 55 years + so there is a gap. The data does not take into account aspirational need for older person’s accommodation, just information about those with a social care need.  Noted that there is a new Corporate Director and Corporate Commissioner for Adult Services. Looking at a delivery plan for extra care housing and having some exploratory meetings on this.  MA updated on commissioning services for vulnerable homeless people. There are changes to the commissioning of services with a £7m budget, services for vulnerable people that sit outside of the statutory services provided. There is a current consultation on three commissioning options, this closes on the 4 March. | **All presentations available on the KHG website**  **Colleagues to feedback any views on the refresh to CH**  **Link to consultation in presentation**  **Members urged to sign up for the weekly bulletin email:** [**supportingpeopleteam@kent.gov.uk**](mailto:supportingpeopleteam@kent.gov.uk) | **RS**  **ALL**  **ALL**  **ALL** | **By 16th Feb** | |
| **Integrated Housing Health and Social Care Project** | Verbal Update provided by SR. DFG Project work completed last year by RS and former KHG Chair Satnam Kaur. A recommendation paper was shared with Kent CEX’s and it was agreed to take for an EK Integration Project for Housing. TK and Madeline Homer at the CEX Champions. JPPB are the lead on this project and going forward a workshop will be set up to establish what a model could look like, including how to link to PH, Social Care and the hospital discharge colleagues. |  |  |  | |
| **KHG Sub Group and Partnership Feedback** | Information Brief circulated with meeting papers. |  |  |  | |
| **AOB** | Next KHG Meeting 16th May, KCC Sessions House |  |  |  | |

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