

CAKEDOG slides

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A really important project... so who thought to call it **CAKEDOG**?



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CAKEDOG – Councils Across Kent (East) Development Officer Group

Aims to:

- Collectively consider the challenges facing housing in East Kent
- Seek to innovative to provide solutions to those challenges, notably:
 - Development and the acceleration of housing delivery
 - Decarbonisation and its impact on development
 - Wider barriers to development
- Actively seek opportunities to expand the range of housing options, including the delivery of more affordable rent homes and the impact of First Homes
- Maximise opportunities to attract funding into housing in East Kent (through our greater collaborative buying power)

Housing Advisers Programme

- Awarded £20,000 to help us:
- Look at the **challenges** faced by all authorities:
- Answer **key questions**: What do we actually want? Where do we want to get to? How will we get there?
- What are the **barriers** to delivery – what are our **skillsets**, how we all **balance the pressures** on our Business Plans
- What **specific interventions** will make frontline officers' lives easier?
- **How can we all work together?** Pooling resources – house types, human resources
- Then we will produce a **strategy framework document** – setting out what the group is all about and how it will jointly procure, deliver realistic numbers, share skills and expertise, make us ready to submit joint bids to Homes England
- DLUHC & Homes England involvement can be sought to assist East Kent in piloting funding the group of authorities with a view to ultimately it being a Strategic Partner

Commission - Altair

- A workshop to look at the challenges faced by all authorities:
 - Detail first, strategy later
 - Key questions: What do we actually want? Where do we want to get to? How will we get there?
 - Barriers to delivery – can we look at our own skillsets, some form of capacity audit, how we all balance the pressures on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plans (decarbonisation, maintenance/repairs, inflation/interest rates, new legislation, as well as accelerating development delivery)
 - What specific interventions will make frontline officers' lives easier?
 - How can we all work together? Is this through a joint venture? Another mechanism? Pooling resources – house types, human resources
 - Then we will produce a strategy framework document – setting out what the group is all about and how it will deliver on its ambitions
- Identifying routes for joint procurement
- Determining the numbers we could deliver together
 - How we look at infrastructure, Information and skills sharing
 - Devising a strong partnership framework (for professional services and design teams), agreement will need to be reached on this to pave the way for us to move forward into the marketplace
 - Making us bid ready – i.e. ready to submit joint bids to Homes England for funding, to developers for work and for land in which there is a joint interest
- Opportunities – something like a Strategic Partner?

Thank you... any questions?

