

Summary of Responses to Consultation

The following is a summary of the responses to the consultation on the Housing Delivery Panel Review proposals, with verbal feedback from facilitated group work at the June Housing Delivery Panel (HDP) meeting, plus written responses from Affinity Sutton, Guinness Hermitage, Merlin Housing Society, Knightstone Housing Association and Sovereign Housing Association.

Issue raised	Summary of comments	Response / change to be made
<p>More flexible and locally focused partnership type arrangements</p>	<p>Support for broader more flexible bottom up approach, avoiding complex panel bidding processes and avoiding OJEU.</p> <p>Working with individual UA's but also to keep the Strategic WoE overview, with flexibility allowing each RP to bring their own USP to the table.</p> <p>Due to large numbers of affordable homes being targeted it is important to open up the partnership to any organisation that is felt to add value.</p> <p>Ensure membership requirements are not too restrictive and bidding is low key/not too onerous.</p> <p>New members introduced to be committed for the long term period.</p>	<p>Support noted. Support noted aim of panel is greater emphasis on local partnership and flexible arrangements with WoE strategic overview.</p> <p>Partnership will allow this.</p> <p>Partnership will allow this</p> <p>Partnership not contractually procured, selection criteria based 'light touch' and based on 10 key requirements.</p> <p>Commitment from new partners that join to be the same as those appointed at the beginning.</p>

<p>Duration of partnership arrangements</p>	<p>Proposed 3 year partnership is an appropriate length and the fact it coincides with the HCA bidding round makes good sense.</p> <p>Three year duration too short better for longer term to promote growth.</p> <p>Three years is long enough, not longer term.</p>	<p>In view of comments received partnership to not have an end date, but a first review planned for April 2018.</p>
<p>Handover from existing WoE HDP arrangements</p>	<p>No issues with HDP continuing as a sleeping partnership.</p> <p>Issue with timetable for implementation and selection January - March 2015 will be peak delivery period for RP's and Purdah needs to be considered.</p>	<p>In light of comments received selection timetable to be brought forward to December 2014.</p>
<p>Joining Fees</p>	<p>Although no issue with joining fee (£500), need to ensure that such a fee does not prevent other valuable members from joining.</p>	<p>Comments noted - no changes made as £500 per organisation felt reasonable to cover costs of WoE strategic meetings and venue hire/speakers for 3 year period.</p>
<p>Annual Performance Agreements</p>	<p>Need to be realistic to reflect opportunities and development/financial capacity of the RPs.</p> <p>Requirement to enter into Annual Performance Agreements is time consuming and resource hungry, suggestion that the Partnership Agreement is the overarching document that RPs work to. Targets should be set for RPs and for UAs. Best and most successful partnerships are those with a light touch approach.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p> <p>Comment noted - Partnership Agreements will cover light touch WoE targets, with specific UA targets agreed at a local level.</p>