

Ebbfleet Development Corporation

Board Meeting Part One

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Title of paper	Strategic Priorities Update
Presented by	Ian Piper, Interim Chief Executive
Sub-committee	Not applicable

Purpose of Paper and Executive Summary	
To provide the Board with an update on key matters affecting the Corporation's priorities and performance since the last meeting.	
EDC business plan and KPIs	Matters covered will impact on some or all of the priorities within the business plan and associated KPIs.
Recommendation	FOR INFORMATION The Board is asked to NOTE the matters identified and their impact on performance and progress.
Annexes	
Delegation	Not applicable.

Financial impact	Not applicable.
Legal impact	There are no legal implications associated with this paper.
Stakeholder impact	Not applicable.
Sponsor impact	DCLG have been engaged in agreeing the strategic priorities, Corporate and Business Plan.

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Firstly, I would like to give my thanks to the Board and staff of the Corporation for extending me such a warm welcome and helping me to settle in as Chief Executive. These first few weeks have been mainly about getting up to speed and meeting partners and stakeholders. I have so far met with the Chief Executives of Dartford and Gravesham councils, and have an appointment to meet senior officers at Kent County Council. I have met with Land Sec (twice), Henley Camland, Keepmoat Homes, and Laing O'Rourke and have meetings scheduled with a number of other existing or potential development partners.

I am keen to meet with business and community leaders across the Garden City in order to develop the spirit of collaboration as we all help to build a great place to live and work.

2. Progress and Performance

- 1.1 Cherry Orchard primary school was formally opened on Friday the 26th September. As one of the first elements of social infrastructure delivered within the Garden City, this is a very significant milestone. It was followed the next day by a community 'fun day' which our Community Building Manager played a key role in organising. Over 300 people attended. It is also worthy of note that 45 people attended a Healthy New Town walk, which took in areas around Blue Lake and Church Path Pit, providing an insight to what will be on offer in a better connected Garden City.
- 1.2 On the evening of the last board meeting, Planning Committee recommended for approval, subject to a series of conditions and planning obligations to be secured by S106, the reserved matters application from Keepmoat Homes for 598 homes at the Northfleet Embankment East site. Work is now underway on the section 106. We understand the developer plans a start on site early in 2018.
- 1.3 The contract for the early works to Springhead Bridge has been signed and works are well underway with completion due in February 2018. In parallel, we will be preparing tender documentation for the full works i.e. construction of the bridge.
- 1.4 We have had discussions with the HCA and Gravesham BC regarding the aspiration for, and the delivery of, the remaining employment land at

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Northfleet Embankment East. It has been agreed that the three parties will collaborate to agree a development and disposal brief that will be used to test the market for potential developers and/or operators with the aim of delivering an employment solution in keeping with the criteria for the Enterprise Zone status.

- 1.5 We have now appointed consultants to carry out the next stage of study into future stewardship arrangements in the Garden City. The study is expected to take 4-6 months and we will report to Board on the findings.
- 1.6 So far this year, starts have been made on 333 housing units and there have been 164 completions, with the outturn forecast remaining as last month at 444 completions.
- 1.7 I have been looking carefully with the team at the performance measures for the Corporation, and how we report on these to the Board and DCLG. A detailed 6 monthly review on performance is to be presented under Part 2, and we have begun a discussion with DCLG about clarifying and simplifying reporting arrangements to them.

2 Ebbfleet Garden City Implementation Framework – summary version

- 2.1 The 'summary' version of the Implementation Framework is now posted on line and we hope to have some printed copies available for board members at the meeting.

3 Staff

- 3.1 There are no staffing issues to report this month.