

## Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Date: 26 November 2021

Subject: GM Housing Investment Loans Fund – Investment Approval  
Recommendations

Report of: Salford City Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead Lead for Housing,  
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### Purpose of Report

This report seeks Combined Authority’s approval to the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund (“GMHILF”) loans detailed in the recommendation below.

### Recommendations:

The GMCA is requested to:

1. Approve the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund loan detailed in the table below, as detailed further in this and the accompanying Part B report;

BORROWER	SCHEME	DISTRICT	LOAN
Corbar Ltd	Aldersgate Rd, Great Moor	Stockport	£1.464m

2. Delegate authority to the GMCA Treasurer acting in conjunction with the GMCA Monitoring Officer to prepare and effect the necessary legal agreements.

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# Equalities Impact, Carbon and Sustainability Assessment:

Impacts Questionnaire		
Impact Indicator	Result	Justification/Mitigation
Equality and Inclusion		
Health		
Resilience and Adaptation		
Housing	G	Redevelopment of brownfield site.
Economy	G	Development will support local construction sector.
Mobility and Connectivity		
Carbon, Nature and Environment		
Consumption and Production		
Contribution to achieving the GM Carbon Neutral 2038 target		
<b>Further Assessment(s):</b>	Equalities Impact Assessment and Carbon Assessment	
 Positive impacts overall, whether long or short term.	 Mix of positive and negative impacts. Trade-offs to consider.	 Mostly negative, with at least one positive aspect. Trade-offs to consider.

Carbon Assessment		
Overall Score		
Buildings	Result	Justification/Mitigation
New Build residential		Small scale development.
Residential building(s) renovation/maintenance	N/A	
New Build Commercial/Industrial	N/A	
<b>Transport</b>		
Active travel and public transport	N/A	
Roads, Parking and Vehicle Access	N/A	
Access to amenities	N/A	
Vehicle procurement	N/A	
<b>Land Use</b>		
Land use	N/A	
 No associated carbon impacts expected.	 High standard in terms of practice and awareness on carbon.	 Mostly best practice with a good level of awareness on carbon.

## Risk Management

The structure and security package proposed for the loan in order to mitigate risk are given

in the accompanying Part B report. The loan will be conditional upon a satisfactory outcome of detailed due diligence and ongoing confirmation from a Monitoring Surveyor acting on the Fund's behalf that the scheme is being delivered satisfactorily.

## **Legal Considerations**

A detailed loan facility and other associated legal documentation will be completed ahead of the first loan payment.

## **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

The borrower will be required to meet the Fund's legal, due diligence and monitoring costs and there is no requirement for additional revenue expenditure by GMCA in addition to the approved Core Investment Team budget.

## **Financial Consequences – Capital**

The loan will be sourced from the £300m GM Housing Investment Loans Fund, including the recycling of loans repaid to the Fund.

## **Number of attachments to the report: None**

## **Comments/recommendations from Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

None.

## **Background Papers**

- Housing Investment Fund (report to GMCA, 27 February 2015)
- GM Housing Investment Loans Fund – Revised Investment Strategy (report to GMCA, 25 October 2019)

## **Tracking/ Process [All sections to be completed]**

Does this report relate to a major strategic decision, as set out in the GMCA Constitution

Yes

## **Exemption from call in**

Are there any aspects in this report which means it should be considered to be exempt from call in by the relevant Scrutiny Committee on the grounds of urgency?

No

# 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In line with the agreed governance process for the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund (“the Fund”), the Combined Authority is asked to approve the loan detailed in section 2, which has been recommended for approval by the Fund’s Credit Committee.
- 1.2 The total value of offers of loans from the Fund approved by the Combined Authority to date is £542.3m and the total value of approved equity investments is £26.3m<sup>1</sup>. If the recommendations set out in this report is agreed, the value of loan offers will increase to £543.8m.
- 1.3 Affordable housing and section 106 agreements are dealt with at a local level in line with local policies, national planning legislation and the government’s National Planning Policy Framework. As agreed at the December 2018 meeting of the GMCA, the majority of the surpluses generated from the Fund will be ring fenced to support provision of additional housing affordable to GM residents, supporting the Mayor’s Town Centre Challenge and tackling issues such as rogue landlords, empty homes and improving standards within the Private Rented Sector.
- 1.4 The GM Housing Vision approved by GMCA in January 2019 began to set a new context for housing delivery within GM and paved the way for the co-produced GM Housing Strategy and revised GM Housing Investment Loans Fund Investment Strategy that were approved by GMCA in October 2019. Alongside the work toward the Joint Development Plan Document: Places for Everyone, this development of a shared strategic approach to the delivery of new homes across Greater Manchester sets the objectives and focus of future investments made from the Fund.

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<sup>1</sup> These figures exclude loan offers that have not been taken up and are therefore withdrawn.

## **2. Loan approvals sought**

- 2.1 Corbar Ltd is seeking a loan of £1.464m from the GM Housing Investment Loans Fund for the development of 5 new build houses in Great Moor, Stockport. Planning permission was granted in September 2021. The loan will support a GM-based SME housebuilder bring forward the development of a brownfield site. There is no S106 payment or affordable housing provision due to the small scale of the scheme.
- 2.2 Further details of the scheme and proposed terms of the loan are included in the accompanying Part B report, to be treated as confidential on account of the commercially sensitive nature of the information.