

COMMUNITY, HOUSING AND ASSETS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Wednesday 16 December 2020
Report Subject	Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme – Community Benefits
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Housing
Report Author	Chief Officer (Housing and Assets)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strategic Housing and Regeneration Programme (SHARP) places a requirement to deliver community benefits on Wates, the contractors appointed to develop new social and affordable homes in Flintshire. The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an update on community benefits delivered up to 30th April 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Scrutiny endorses the contents of the Community Benefits Performance Summary produced by Wates for the period April 2019 to March 2020.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE STRATEGIC HOUSING AND REGENERATION PROGRAMME – COMMUNITY BENEFITS
1.01	Flintshire’s Strategic Housing And Regeneration programme (SHARP) was approved by Cabinet in September 2014 with the aim of delivering 500

	new Council Social Rented (303) and Affordable Rented (197) properties over a five year period, along with a number of broader economic and regeneration strategic priorities. The Council is working with Wates Construction under the strategic partnership relationship as defined within the Overarching Agreement for the SHARP dated 29 th April 2016.
1.02	Within the SHARP contract, a series of contractual community benefits are included relating to quality, time and costs which are monitored by Key performance Information (KPI) on a scheme by scheme basis. Targets have also been agreed on the percentage of local construction build spent in Flintshire, local sub-contractor employment and apprentices and work placement arrangements.
1.03	Wates has produced a Community Benefits Performance Summary Report which highlights the contribution to community benefits during the period April 2019 to March 2020 as a result of SHARP. The report is attached at Appendix 1.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no resource implications relating to this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	Community benefits have a positive impact on the local community through local economic and social benefits. In addition to the much needed increase in social and affordable homes, there is an increase in local spend and employment and Wates have been proactive in supporting community events. There are no specific risks identified in relation to this report.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	There is no requirement for consultations.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	Appendix 1 – Community Benefit

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	Not applicable to this report.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Melville Evans, Housing Programmes Service Manager, Housing and Assets Telephone: 01352 701436 E-mail: melville.evans@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	<p>Strategic Housing And Regeneration Programme (SHARP) – Flintshire County Council House Building Programme which will build 500 new homes 303 (Council) and 197 (affordable).</p>