

Joint working with Thirteen and how their investment programme supports/aligns with the Council's social, economic and regeneration priorities

1. Background

1.1 As Select Committee members are aware, there are a number of Registered Housing (RP) providers operating within the borough. Generally these providers can be categorised as either:

(i) 'Landlords only': i.e. they have a portfolio of properties within the borough which they manage and maintain.

Or are

(ii) 'Active partners': these are RPs who in addition to managing and maintaining existing stock have an active commitment to working in partnership with the Council to support our key strategic agenda's and invest significant resources into the borough.

Thirteen fall into this category, they are an active partner.

2. How do Thirteen demonstrate their commitment to working and supporting the Council?

2.1 One of the commitments made by Thirteen as part of the consolidation process was continued joint working with the Council. Pre consolidation a series of meetings occurred at both a strategic and operational level, all have continued and in some cases been strengthened post consolidation **and** remain an effective means of engagement.

Examples of this current engagement are detailed in the table below and overleaf:

<p><i>Chief Executive meetings</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended by SBC and Thirteen Chief Executives and Directors from both organisations. - Monthly. 	<p><u>Key strategic</u> meeting which supports the alignment and of both organisations.</p>
<p><i>Delivery Board meetings</i> (introduced post consolidation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended by senior Directors and Service Managers from both organisations. - Monthly. 	<p><u>Key strategic</u> meeting, agenda is varied and includes discussion re SBC key strategic priorities and how Thirteens investment potential can support/deliver. Agenda's also include as/when required discussion on key organisational and delivery issues.</p>

<p>SBC partnership meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stockton-on-Tees Local Children’s Safeguarding Board - Safer Stockton Partnership - Health and Well-being Partnership - Housing Neighbourhood and Affordable Warmth Partnership 	<p>Membership / participation by senior Thirteen representatives <u>at key strategic partnerships</u> (all these partnerships directly support the Councils social, economic and regeneration agenda’s).</p>
<p>Compass (Sub- Regional Choice Based Lettings Partnership)</p>	<p>Attendance by Thirteen at both the <u>Steering Group and the Operational Group</u> aimed at ensuring the effective delivery of this vital service to residents of the borough.</p>
<p>Topic specific discussions</p>	<p><u>Operational meetings</u> attended by colleagues across the Council and Thirteen.</p>

2.2 Thirteen’s commitment to being the Councils **‘partner of choice’** is also demonstrated by their significant (recent and planned) investment into the borough. Examples of how this investment supports the Councils key strategic plans, priorities and ambitions is summarised below:

Key area of activity / investment by Thirteen	Directly supports the key ambitions and priorities of the Council as detailed in the following policy/strategy documents:
<p>Ongoing multi-million investment into existing housing stock and neighbourhood / environmental improvements</p>	<p>Council Plan 2018-19 (Big Plans, Bright Future) Economic Growth Plan</p> <p>Affordable Warmth Strategy</p> <p>Community Safety Plan 2017-20</p>
<p>Provision of new build affordable housing – various sites across the borough.</p> <p><i>Example sites include North Shore, Eaglescliffe and Yarm.</i></p>	<p>Council Plan 2018-19 (Big Plans, Bright Future)</p> <p>Economic Growth Plan</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2018-22 (draft)</p> <p>Homelessness Reduction Strategy (draft)</p>
<p>The Councils partner of choice in bring forward and/or support on key regeneration sites.</p> <p><i>Examples include West End Gardens, phase 2 has commenced / Victoria / Alma Street.</i></p>	<p>Council Plan 2018-19 (Big Plan, Bright Future)</p> <p>Economic Growth Plan</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2018-22 (draft)</p>

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<p>Provision of new build specialist housing – recent examples include:</p> <p><i>Winford House in Billingham (provision of care ready accommodation / 38 units to support independent living)</i></p> <p><i>Acorn House in Thornaby (apartment accommodation to support independent living for those with a learning disability).</i></p> <p><i>Leasing accommodation to support the transition of care leavers to independent living.</i></p>	<p>Council Plan 2018-19 (Big Plans, Bright Future)</p> <p>Economic Growth Plan</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2018-22 (draft)</p> <p>Health and Well Being Strategy</p> <p>Children’s Strategy</p>
<p>Provision of services that support the most vulnerable in our communities.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <p><i>Delivery of property adaptations to support Thirteen tenants remain at home.</i></p> <p><i>Delivery of the ‘Homelessness Prevention Trailblazers’ programme (1 of only 28 national funded programmes). Provides support to people who may be homeless or face the threat of homelessness / is targeted at two main groups’ single aged 18 – 34 who are at risk of homelessness and those leaving prison.</i></p>	<p>Council Plan 2018-19 (Big Plans, Bright Future)</p> <p>Housing Strategy 2018-22 (draft)</p> <p>Homelessness Reduction Strategy (draft)</p> <p>Health and Well Being Strategy</p>

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