

## Community Works Representative Feedback and Communication Form

<b>Your Name</b>	Helen Russell
<b>Your Organisation</b>	CHIBAH
<b>Name of Partnership Meeting</b>	Strategic Housing Partnership Community Housing Network
<b>Name(s) of other reps that attended</b>	N/A
<b>Date &amp; time of meeting</b>	Various
<b>1</b>	Helen was unable to attend last Reps Council and Strategic Housing Partnership (SHP) meeting but is planning to present, with colleagues, to SHP regarding the progress of the Community Land trust steering group.
<b>2</b>	<p><b>News from CHIBAH</b> - taking steps to get a further round of government funding for renovation of empty homes. In 2013/14 grants of approximately £650K obtained for this by 3 co-ops, and CHIBAH plans to provide a toolkit for business plans and wider issues around setting up housing co-ops. The CHIBAH Development subgroup is working on business plans for new build. Co-ops now included in draft City Plan (Part 1) for urban fringe sites (pending approval and consultation process). The City Plan (Part 2) will provide the council's action plan for implementation, and will be created during the summer, but the parts of it referring to the urban fringe will be developed after the consultation in the Autumn. This means that sites will not be allocated until 2016.</p> <p>CHIBAH is also setting up a subgroup to look into bringing more empties into use, as several members want to renovate instead of build.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>News from the Community Land Trust (CLT)</b> - The CLT group is nearly ready to engage a consultant to prepare the Rules of the CLT. In conjunction with the Trust for Developing Communities, work is beginning on creating a course aimed at introducing the idea of the CLT to the wider city, in order to spark interest and involvement among the various neighbourhoods which may wish to use plots of urban fringe land for housing or other facilities.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>News from the Community Housing Network (CHN)</b> - Meetings with the council are continuing, and further strategic work is starting. The Network is holding a session shortly to look at how the members can share knowledge and expertise on the development process. "Modern Methods of Construction" - off-site manufacture, use of eco materials, zero-carbon builds, etc, are being explored, as these should bring down construction costs. Visits to schemes using these methods are starting, such as the recent visit to a two-house new build in Lewes by Kingspan, which has been done in partnership with the Lewes District Council, and provides a 2-bed 95m2 house at £95 per week - which relied on LDC leasing the land on a peppercorn rent.</p>