



Arch Board Minutes

Date/Time

Friday 18th August 2017
10:00 – 12:00

Venue:

Arch, Wansbeck Workspace, Rotary
Parkway, Ashington, Northumberland,
NE63 8QZ

In attendance:

Cllr Richard Wearmouth
Cllr Jeff Reid

Cllr Grant Davey
Chris Sayers

John Woodman

Arch Chair
Policy Board Member/Leader of Liberal
Democrat Group
Leader of Labour Group
Chair of the Board of Governors,
Northumbria University

Present:

Daljit Lalley
Allison Joynson

Neil Bradley
Robin Beveridge
Kim Grant (Minutes)

NCC Interim Chief Executive
NCC Director of International Projects &
System Transformation
NCC Finance Director
Arch Interim Director of Strategy
Arch Personal Assistant

Part:

Michael Black
Lee Farrier
Anthony Crabb
John Moran
Steve Greer

Arch Head of Investments
Arch Head of Estates
Arch Projects Director – Major Projects
Arch Homes Manager
Arch Health & Safety Manager

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Jackson
Cllr Wayne Daley

Leader, NCC
Deputy Leader, NCC





1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

2.0 Apologies for Absence

2.1 The Chairman reported that there had been apologies for absence from Cllr Peter Jackson and Cllr Wayne Daley.

3.0 Declarations of Interest

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4.0 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21st July 2017 were reviewed and AGREED.

5.0 Matters Arising

5.1 The Head of Investments gave an update regarding the Amble Braid.

6.0 Health & Safety

6.1 The Health & Safety Manager gave an update regarding Health & Safety.

7.0 Financial Planning Update

7.1 The NCC Finance Director gave a financial update presentation.

8.0 Projects Seeking Approval

8.1 2 x 5,000 sq fit Units on Wansbeck Business Park

8.1.1 The Interim Director of Strategy introduced the paper and gave a presentation.

8.2 Arcot, Cramlington – Acquisition of 22 Affordable Housing Units, Persimmon

8.2.1 The Homes Manager introduced the paper and gave a presentation.

The Board:

8.3 **APPROVED** investment [REDACTED] for the design and build costs for the development of Industrial Units at Wansbeck Business Park, Ashington, subject to contract.

8.4 **DELEGATED APPROVAL** to the Arch Group Chief Executive to enter into contract with successful sub-contractors following completion of competitive tendering, subject to the contract sums being within the above costs.

8.5 **APPROVED** acquisition costs [REDACTED] for 22 properties at Arcot Woods, Cramlington to be managed within the Arch Homes Affordable Rent portfolio.

9.0 **Project Updates**

9.1 **Portland Park**

9.1.1 The Project Director gave an update on Portland Park which included an update from the Head of Investments regarding the development options on the site.

9.2 **Amble Hotel**

9.2.1 The Head of Investments gave an update on the Amble Hotel.

9.2.4 Chris Sayers gave his apologies and left the meeting at 12:15.

9.3 **Manor Walks**

9.3.1 The Head of Investments gave an update on Manor Walks.

The Board:

9.3.4 **APPROVED** feasibility funding of £200,000 to advance planning and design of the Southern Terrace Scheme and to explore Western Entrance improvements with Asda.

9.3.5 John Woodman gave his apologies and left the meeting at 12:25.

9.4 **Empire Court: options post completion**

9.4.1 The Homes Manager gave an update on Empire Court.

9.4.2 Cllr Grant Davey gave his apologies and left the meeting at 12:30.

10.0 **Corporate Dashboard**

10.1 The Chairman confirmed that due to time constraints this item would be taken to the next Board meeting on the 15th September 2017.

11.0 **Interactive Map Demonstration**

11.1 The NCC Director of International Products & System Transformation confirmed that a link to the Interactive Map Demonstration would be forwarded to the Board for comments.



12.0 Strategic Review

12.1 The Chairman confirmed that work was still ongoing across the business and that meetings would be arranged with Directors and staff at Arch to enable them to have input into the Strategic Review.

12.2 The Chairman went on to confirm that feedback would be provided at the next Board meeting on the 15th September 2017 on the findings so far and the proposed direction of the company going forward.

13.0 Any Other Business

13.1 There were no matters brought to the meeting under Any Other Business.

13.2 The Chairman thanked the Board for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:35.

..... **CHAIRMAN**
18th August 2017