

Question 4 – Joanna Booth

4. In Appendix 4, Affordable Housing Grants to Registered Housing Providers, there is mention of the grants provided to Registered Housing Providers there are quite a few concerns about how the grants were managed: I note the following as an example:

-- There has been insufficient oversight of administration and record keeping, hence issues with data had not been promptly identified ▪

-- The Housing Delivery Board had met infrequently and had not set requirements for progress reporting of grant awards ▪

-- The Grant Tracker, the primary record of the progress of grant applications progress and grant award was not fit for purpose and had been poorly maintained.

--The source and accuracy of the data used for summarisation and reporting could not be relied upon

In light of these concerns, would you let me know how much grant money has gone to projects associated with the Bristol Housing Festival please?

Answer: There have been no schemes or applications funded through the programme where Bristol Housing Festival are a beneficiary either directly or indirectly. The Enabling Housing for Inclusive Growth partnership bid (Innovate) was led Bristol Housing Festival who were commissioned support the delivery of grant funded outcomes as set out in the 4 February 2020 Cabinet report. Two schemes coming forward under the Innovate Programme have been awarded grant under the AHFP: Knowle West Media Centre are a partner in the Innovate UK project. Their first 2 pilot 'We Can Make' units have been awarded grant funding of £180,000 Bristol Housing Festival were also instrumental in the delivery of the LaunchPad scheme, a pioneering housing project for young people. This was a partnership between; United Communities Housing Association, 1625 Independent People (1624ip), the University of Bristol Student Union and Bristol City Council. The Launchpad scheme was supported with £370,000 of BCC AH funding.