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# **Affordable Housing Review: Capacity and Collaboration Workshop**

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# Capacity – what did the call for evidence say?

- Skills shortages and competition for skills, ranging from development skills, strategic and analytic capacity and trade skills. Investment is needed.
- Simplification of Welsh Government processes would help release capacity.
- There is scope for far more collaboration and partnership working.
- There are good examples of collaboration out there (e.g. North Wales Growth Bid, Cardiff Council / private sector, use of land)
- The work streams have confirmed these are the key issues
- Capacity work stream will convene after the other work streams have made recommendations

# Capacity – what are the work streams saying?

- Given the need to increase the delivery of affordable housing (with existing resource levels), what can be done?
- Emerging recommendations:
  - LA build – partnership working with RSLs / private sector
  - Land – find the right mechanism for bringing land forwards
  - Housing need – understand the picture across housing markets, and standardise approach. Is capacity targeted at the right places?
  - Longer term funding certainty from Welsh Govt
  - Simplification of programmes and processes

# Emerging views from the independent panel

- Everyone agrees that collaboration needs to be strengthened – but what is stopping it now?
- Procurement – tapping the power of purchase
- What efficiencies can be found?
- Is the appetite to collaborate there?
- Why is good practice such a bad traveller?

# Questions

1. How can we maximise existing capacity in the affordable housing sector (RSLs, LAs, WG etc)?
2. Where can efficiencies be made and value for money improved?
3. How can we collaborate effectively to achieve more from our collective resources?