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Meeting of: Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited – Board

Date & Time: Monday 28 January 2019, 1.30pm

Place: Boardroom, 11-15 Thistle Street, Edinburgh

Present: Ian Russell (IR) (Chairman)
Ann Faulds (AF)
Bill Matthews (BM)
Pauline Mills (PM)
Graham Watson (GW)
Peter Reekie (PR)

Apologies: Ann Allen (AA)

In attendance: Alastair McMillen (AM)
Liz Petrie (minutes)

1 APOLOGIES & DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

IR welcomed BA and PM to their first SFTi Board meeting. Apologies were noted from AA.

No interests were highlighted in regard to the meeting agenda.

2 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS, ACTION TRACKER AND MATTERS ARISING

The Board approved the minute of the meeting of Monday 8 October 2018.

The Board noted that the single action on the action tracker had been completed.

3 HOUSING DELIVERY PARTNERSHIPS – EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

The Board noted the report outlining the proposal to enter into a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) with East Lothian Council for the acquisition and operation of housing for rental at mid-market rents.

AM provided an overview of SFT's involvement in the project and of the development of the model which, unlike the first Housing Development Partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council, will be based on a leasing structure operated over 40 years. The Board noted the commercial basis of the deal proposed along with the parties involved in both the delivery of the homes and the operation during the term of the lease.

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AM further confirmed that the LLP structure used is well tested, having been used by SFT and a number of local authorities in the National Housing Trust (NHT) and National Housing Trust Council Variant (NHTCV) models prior to the development of the Housing Delivery Partnership approach.

It was highlighted that the Members Agreement for the LLP will be based on the Members Agreement for the Edinburgh Living Housing Development Partnership under which SFT's voting rights, membership share and operational involvement are minimised. Entry into the LLP will be subject to the Company's auditors verifying that the structure avoids any situations of deemed control or significant influence.

Subject to confirmation from the Company's auditors that the proposed structure avoids deemed control and significant influence, the Board approved:

- The setting up of the LLP by Scottish Futures Trust Investments Limited (SFTi) with East Lothian Council (SFTi's cash contribution to be £1);
- To remit to Christa Reekie the appointment of an appropriate individual to represent SFTi at each level of the LLP, and;
- To remit to Christa Reekie the execution of all documents, including banking forms, as may be required for the setting up and subsequent management and operation of the LLP.

The Board noted that discussions are being undertaken with other Councils and organisations to promote the model and potentially develop the leasing approach for further housing delivery.

4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

18 March 2019