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(By email)

**Our ref:** MGLA190220-3134

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 19 February 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Within your request you refer to information held by the 'the council'. To clarify, the Greater London Authority is not a council and therefore does not hold the same responsibilities as a local authority. The Mayor holds the duty of creating strategic plans and policies for the capital, making London a better place. The role of the GLA is to deliver on an overall vision, set out by the Mayor for those who visit, live and work in London.

Please see below the information we have identified as being within the scope of your request.

- **Does the council have any policies or ones in development to support community-led housing? If so, what are they and where do they appear?**

**Proposal A of Policy 5.3 of the Mayor's [London Housing Strategy](#)**, sets out how the Mayor will work with partners to support community-led housing:

"Working with councils and others, the Mayor will support Londoners to be involved in planning and delivering new homes. This will include:

- i. setting a target to identify a pipeline of community-led housing schemes by 2021, with capacity to deliver at least 1,000 homes;
- ii. supporting the expansion of community-led housing schemes through a new Community-Led Housing Hub for London; and
- iii. investing in community-led housing schemes and lobbying Government for a share of the national Community Housing Fund."

**Policy H2 of the Mayor's [new draft London Plan](#)** outlines the Mayor's support in the development of small sites for community-led housing;

"A. Small sites (below 0.25 hectares in size) should play a much greater role in housing delivery to achieve the ten-year housing targets set out in Policy H1 Increasing housing supply. Boroughs should pro-actively support well-designed new homes on small sites through both planning decisions and plan-making in order to:

1. significantly increase the contribution of small sites to meeting London's housing needs

2. diversify the sources, locations, type and mix of housing supply
3. support small and medium-sized housebuilders
4. support those wishing to bring forward custom, self-build and community-led housing. achieve the targets for small sites set out in Table 4.2.

**Community Housing Fund:** The Mayor has secured London's share of the Community Housing Fund - £38 million of capital and revenue funding.

- **Between January 2010 and December 2019 how many grants or loans has the council given to community-led housing groups or organisations?**

Since it was established, in 2018, the London Community-Led Housing Hub has allocated grants to 29 community-led projects, with funding coming from the Mayor. Since 2010, the GLA has directly grant-funded six community-led housing groups or organisations, and has provided no loans.

- **Between January 2010 and December 2019, how many land disposals or leases has the council made to community-led housing groups or organisations?**

The Mayor's 'Small Sites, Small Builders' programme aims to support a significant increase in the availability of small sites for housing development, by bringing forward publicly-owned sites. In the first round of the programme, two TfL-owned sites were restricted by the Mayor to bids for community-led housing. London Community Land Trust (CLT) successfully bid to deliver around 70 genuinely affordable community-led homes on these sites. Crystal Palace CLT have recently successfully bid through the programme for a [site](#) owned by LB Croydon.

- **Do you have dedicated staff to support community-led housing? If so, what are their job titles?**

Within the Mayor's Homes for Londoners team, there is one dedicated post - Senior Project Officer (Community-Led Housing) - as well other officers whose roles include bringing forward community-led housing.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA190220-3134.

Yours sincerely

  
**Information Governance Officer**

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