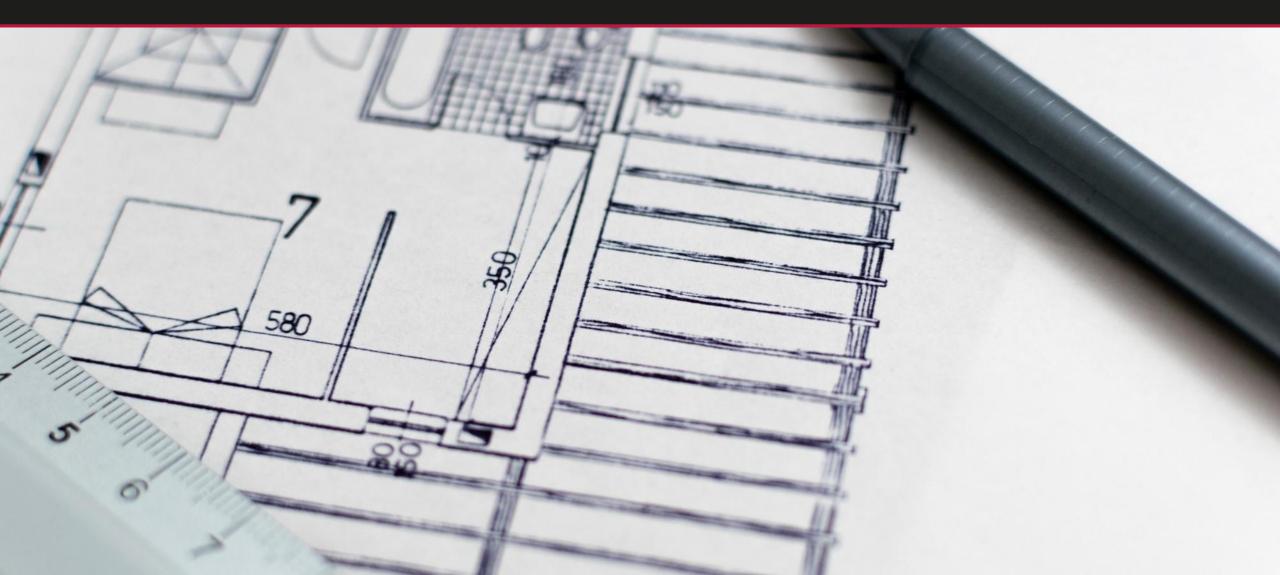
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#### Investing in Ideal Homes



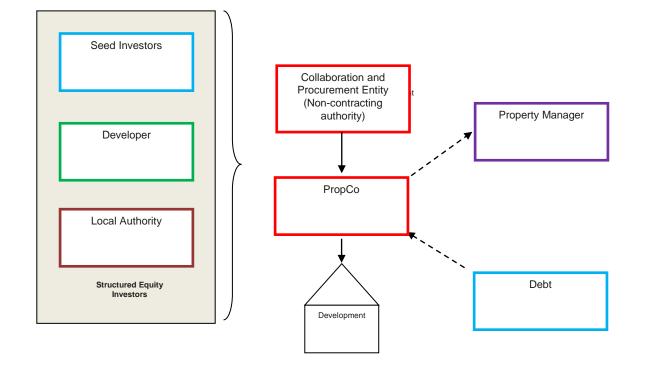
### What matters – overview



- Partnering/Collaboration
- Procurement and State Aid
- Public Works Loan Board
- Potential government grants
- For profit housing associations

### Structure





### Procurement and State Aid

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### • The joint venture

- is not a body "governed by public law"
- it does have an "industrial or commercial" character
- The collaboration entity (if necessary)
  - appoints subcontractors and manages the PropCo on behalf of the joint venture on a "non-pecuniary" basis
  - does not have a public contract with the PropCo and gains no "pecuniary interest" from them
  - has an indemnity against costs and liabilities from the PropCo on a ring-fenced basis

# Control (or not) is key



#### • The PropCo

- is a passive economic investor only
- is not controlled by a public body
- income/capital/risk/timing can be infinitely adjusted among participants
- The collaboration entity
  - cannot be controlled by any single member
  - leads to a development pipeline (not compulsory)
  - manages/outsources activities of the investment
  - investors may have an economic interest in the LLP

## Scalability reduces costs



- Set up takes too long and costs too much
- Once the collaboration entity is set up new interested parties can be admitted at will
- New schemes are slotted in at the PropCo level on a standard model
- Control, management, vires and procurement matters are dealt with only once
- Structure issues for Financial Conduct Authority, Accounting (ring-fencing issues) and Companies Act compliance are dealt with only once





- Ring-fenced debt
  - Government assistance/guarantee etc.
  - PWLB (through LA at PropCo level)
  - PWLB funding of the PropCo must be at a "market" rate
- Can have a long lease
  - good for LAs who want to retain freehold but get a long term income stream
- ASTs with Tenants
  - creates a zero VAT rated landlord
  - landlord is not the LA/Institutional Investor
  - LA is an investor only HRA does not apply

# Specific cases



### HCA Grant

- Reversionary interest trust (RIT) for grant funded tenures
- Charitable LLP investors
- Land Contributions to PropCo
  - If LA owns more than 75% or the PropCo/JV transfers of land from the Council will not be subject to SDLT.
- PropCo can be utilised to make gift-aid donations to eligible investors if necessary (within available distributable profits)
- VAT
  - Property Managers may take equity rather than management fees to minimise VAT

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