

## Introduction

Heard multiple ways to make asset base more efficient / effective

#### NOW...

- What to do with surplus assets?
- How make them work harder?
- How can they further operational / strategic goals?
- What are the options?

#### **AGENDA**

- Examine options
- Explain how they work
- Provide Case Studies



# What are you trying to achieve?

Often asked provide a shiny product – WOC / LABV / Some other acronym!

#### **BUT - Crucial to understand**

- What are you trying to achieve?
- What is your time horizon?
- What level of financial return do you want AND CRUCIALLY
- What is your appetite for risk?

#### **TYPICALLY**

- Financial return Revenue before Capital
- Regeneration
- Housing numbers / Affordable Housing

Jobs

What's the balance???

Christmas Tree Effect!





## **Clarity of purpose**

- Understand your asset base
- Clearly define your purpose / objectives
- Articulate it / challenge it / agree it
- Live by the objectives / values



No.	Objectives
1	To optimise opportunities from a portfolio of property assets that will generate new sustainable financial returns.
2	The use of the partnership vehicle must deliver a greater total financial return to the Council than the return which could be achieved through its current approach
3	To drive the pace of development
4	To develop a quality brand for the developments, aimed at safeguarding the long term financial prosperity and reputation of the partnership
5	To build a long-term relationship with a partner with aligned objectives / visions and to utilise their expertise



# **The Key Questions**



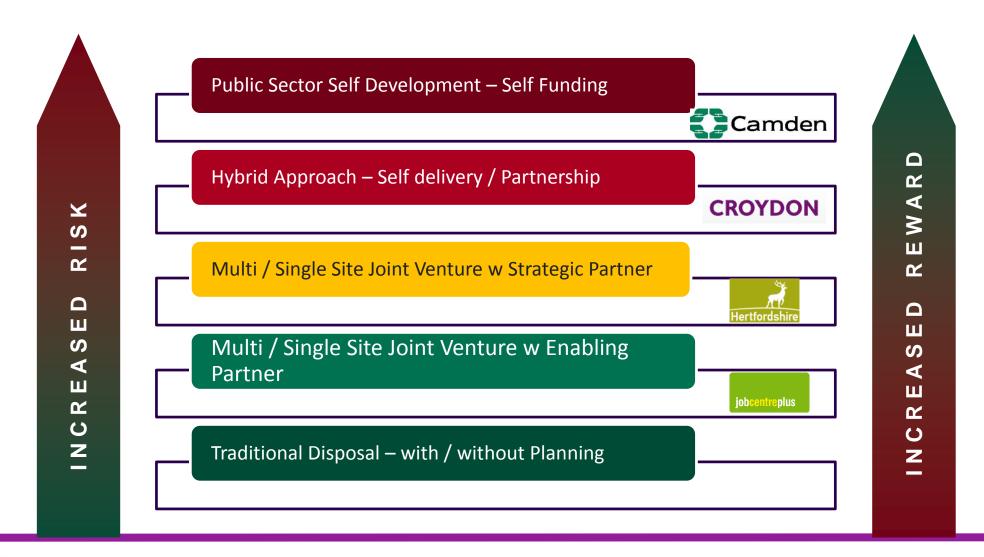


## **Potential Roles**



- In driving forward projects / schemes on surplus assets - Series of roles
  - Funding
  - Development
  - Construction
  - Sales / Rentals
  - Operation
  - Management
- What do you want to do?
- What will you have to do to realise reward?
- How do you manage the risks?

# **Spectrum of Delivery Options**





# **Appetite for Risk**

- Your appetite for risk will define the approach you take
- Commensurate reward is key
- Key Risks
  - Development Costs
  - Sales and Disposal Risk
  - Delivery Risk
  - Funding related risks
  - Your Capacity / Skills
  - Do Nothing



## **Delivery Solutions**





# **Delivery Approaches**

Option 1: Disposal – Baseline (in current condition / stage)

 Options 2: Joint Venture Enabling Partner – All sites enabled by a joint venture partnership and serviced plots sold to the market

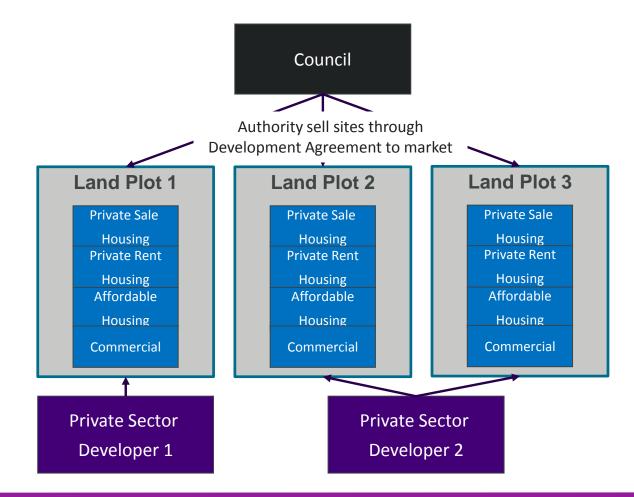
• Option 3: Joint Venture Development/Investment Partner – All sites developed by a joint venture partnership with a single development partner

• Option 4: Hybrid Approach – Simple sites are self developed by the Authority, with more complex sites are developed by a single joint venture development partner

• Option 5: Self Development – All sites are developed by the Council



# **Option 1: Site Disposal**



## **Advantages**

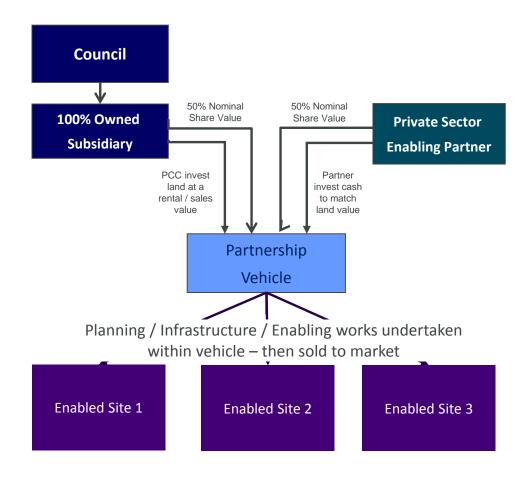
- Low risk early cap rec
- Limits risk
- Simple

- No control over development
- No share in dev profit
- Is this attractive?
- Land banking risk

# **Option 2: Joint Venture Enabling Partner**

## **Advantages**

- Securitise assets
- Additional return
- Transfer enabling risk
- Limit development risk
- Attractive to private sector
- Shared Financial risk
- Access to skills



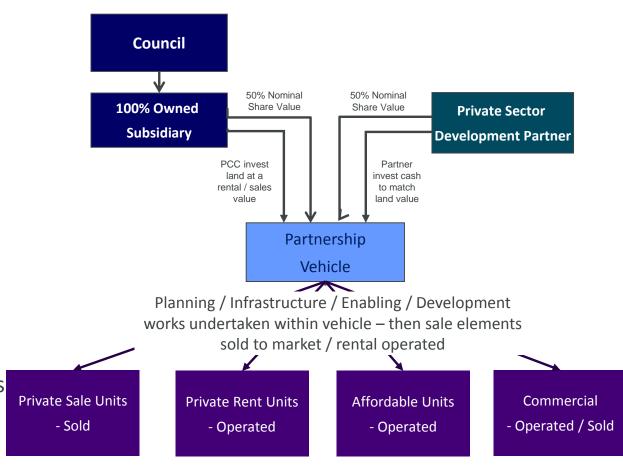
- Costs / time for vehicle
- No guaranteed return
- Land at risk
- Control but responsibility
- Depends on right partner
- No development profit share



# **Option 3: Joint Venture Development Partner**

## **Advantages**

- Securitise assets
- Additional return
- Transfer risk
- Attractive to private sector
- Shared Financial risk
- Access to skills
- Enables pipeline / cross subsidy
- Innovative tenure development



- Costs / time for vehicle
- No guaranteed return
- Land at risk
- Control but responsibility
- Depends on right partner
- Exposed to dev't / sales risk
- Appropriate partner for site spectrum



# Partnership Structures – Case Study Herts County Council / Surrey County Council / Slough UR

#### SCC

- Council undertook Asset Triage review
- Highlighted a series of sites that were surplus and have potential for development
- Now procured 30 year partner Places for People

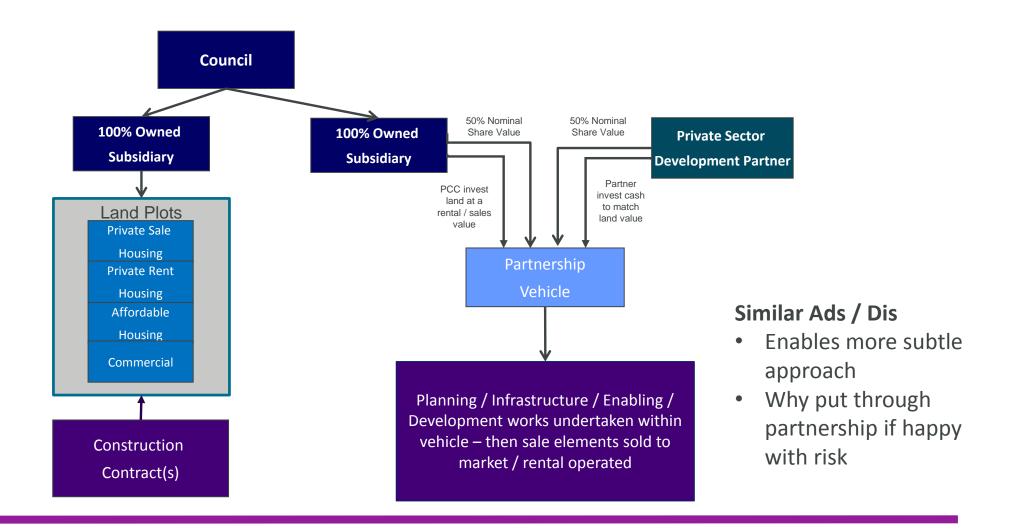


#### **SUR**

- Procured partner Morgan Sindall Investments
- Delivering 24 sites currently 10 complete :Leisure / Housing / Commercial
- Marriage trouble at outset but now significant success
- Significant financial return to Council



## **Option 4: Hybrid Approach**





# Hybrid Case Studies – Case Study Herts County Council / Southend on Sea BC

#### HCC

- Council undertook Asset Triage review
- Highlighted a series of up to 40 sites that are surplus and have potential for development
- Now procured 30 year partner to be announced
- Also established 100% owned subsidiary for individual sites

#### **SBC**

- Currently procuring partner
- Better Queensway Major Regeneration site 450 homes to 1,300
- Also established Housing Development Company for smaller infill sites

### **Croydon Council**

- Evolved approach
- CCURV JV w John Laing plus Brick by Brick 100% owned subsidiary
- Now delivering significant development







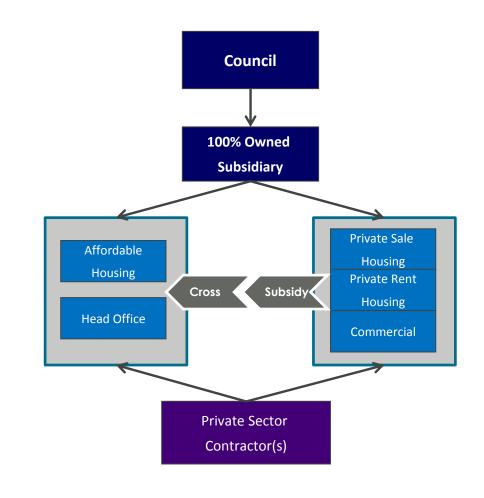




# **Option 5: Self Development**

## **Advantages**

- Securitise assets
- Complete control
- All returns
- Can trade off social and financial benefit
- Innovative tenure development
- Fixed price contracts to back off risk



- All risks borne by Council
- Outside skill set / remit
- Political organisation
- Control but responsibility
- Legal structures required
- Resourcing resourcing resourcing!

# Self Development – Case Study Wokingham BC / Hertsmere BC / LB Camden

#### **WBC**

- 100% owned subsidiary company WHL
- Council investing land at nil value for affordable units
- Equity investment of capital resources and on lending of PWLB
- Developing mix of private (15-20%) and affordable units with private to cross-subsidise

#### **HBC**

- Similar model HDL
- Initial programme of 18 sites

#### LB Camden

- CIP programme
- Cross subsidise schools through development
- Series of small and large sites
- Challenges but some success

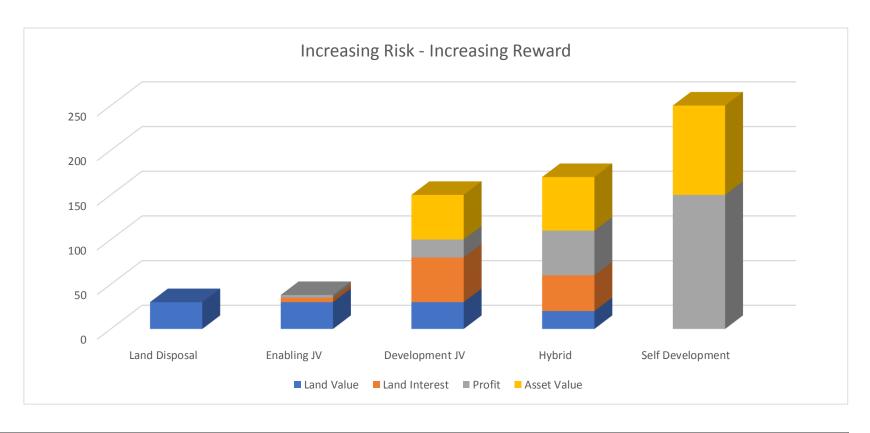








# **Comparative Returns**



Annual Rent £0m £0m £5m £10m

## **Conclusions**

- Be clear what you want
- Be pragmatic about your organisations appetite for risk
- AND how it takes decisions
- Appraise the options
- Structure yourself appropriately
- Understand any partnership is a marriage You have to work at it

# **QUESTIONS?**



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