Finance Committee

Scottish Futures Trust/ NPD Programme

Submission from the Hadden Construction Limited

Please find below Hadden Construction's submission for the above call for evidence.

Background: Hadden Construction are a Perthshire headquartered SME Main Building Contractor, Developer & Housebuilder who employ 126 staff & operatives with a turnover of £20m this financial year. Hadden have recently completed work with SFT & Clackmannanshire Council in delivering 28 homes under the Scottish Futures Trust National Housing Trust initiative for Mid-Market Rental Homes. A further phase of 14 homes is planned for commencement on site in early 2016.

Hadden Construction had a very positive experience in working with the SFT that enabled ourselves as a business to maintain employment for our own staff, generate work opportunities for local supply chain members and deliver much needed new housing to Clackmannanshire.

More specifically we would comment on the following matters:

• Securing additional investment: The SFT NHT model allowed us to unlock, in partnership with the local authority, a previously stalled housing development site.
• Securing better value for money and improved public services: Delivery under the NHT model has allowed us to ensure build costs were competitive and offered value for money to the Council
• Fostering innovation to improve outcomes: The SFT NHT model encouraged innovation in the delivery of homes for rental.
• Encouraging collaboration to improve efficiency: Hadden worked closely with SFT & LA partners to deliver the project in a truly co-operative and collaborative manner.
• Securing better outcomes including job creation, training and apprenticeships, environmental sustainability, broader community benefits and digital connectivity: The SFT NHT project allowed us to maintain jobs, create new jobs and training opportunities both for our own staff and our supply chains.
• Any other comments you might have on the SFT's work towards achieving its key aims: Our experience with the SFT has been a very positive one that we, as a business, are keen to develop.

For more information on Hadden Construction please visit our website www.hadden.co.uk.