

Decision Details

Decision Name FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKING GROUP

Date of Decision 19 November 2015

Decision maker Cabinet

That during the development of the Housing Strategy for 2016-19 and the Local Plan to 2036:

Describe the Decision taken

- i. The Council should actively promote the provision of affordable housing on exceptions sites to Town and Parish Councils.
- ii. Where a Parish Council does not support an exceptions site, the Council should continue to fulfil its duty to meet identified affordable housing need.
- iii. A systematic assessment should be carried out of all land to identify potential sites for affordable housing to then be matched to needs (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment).
- iv. The threshold for developments on which on-site affordable housing can be sought should be lowered from 15 to 10.
- v. Agree to take legal advice to explore options to protect local houses for local people on rural development schemes through, amongst other things, covenants, joint ventures and charitable mechanisms.

What were the reasons for taking the Decision?

The Working Group was established by the Overview and Scrutiny (Social Well-being) Panel and it was agreed at the Group's last meeting that its report and recommendations would be submitted formally to the Social Well-being Panel. The Panel subsequently endorsed the Group's findings and recommendations and requested that the Cabinet consider and respond to these.

What alternative options were considered and rejected?	None considered.
Conflict of interest and dispensation	Councillor D Tysoe declared a non-statutory disclosable interest by virtue of being a Parish Council Clerk.
Is the decision a Key Decision?	No
Was the decision included in the Forward Plan	No
Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?	No
List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker	None
Person Making this report	Mrs Melanie Sage
Date upon which the Decision will come into force, subject to no call-in	30 November 2015
Accompanying Documents	Affordable Housing Working Group