

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)  
TASK AND FINISH GROUP SCOPING DOCUMENT**

<b>Task and Finish Group Title:</b>	<b>Affordable Housing Policy</b>
<b>Membership of Working Group:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr S Corney</li> <li>• Cllr D Dew</li> <li>• Cllr J Morris</li> <li>• Cllr S Wakeford</li> <li>• Cllr Mrs A Diaz (C&amp;P Member)</li> <li>• Cllr Mrs S Smith (C&amp;P Member)</li> </ul>
<b>Aim:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review the effectiveness of the Council's 40% target in delivering affordable housing provision.</li> <li>• Investigate the effectiveness of other methods (e.g. Neighbourhood Plans, Community Land Trusts, Rural Exception Sites) in delivering affordable housing.</li> <li>• Investigate any methods which could accelerate supply of affordable housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Officer Contacts:</b> <i>(Lead and support)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead – Andy Moffat, Head of Development</li> <li>• Support – Adam Green, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)</li> </ul>
<b>Scoping form completed by:</b>	Adam Green, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)
<b>Scrutiny requested by:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Growth)
<b>Criteria for inclusion in work programme:</b>	
<b>Customer Feedback:</b>	N/A
<b>Council Priority:</b>	The Council has pledged in the Corporate Plan 2018-2022, under the Place section to <b>'improve the supply of new and affordable housing, jobs and community facilities to meet current and future need'</b> . In addition, one performance indicator commits the Council to measure the number of new affordable homes delivered.
<b>Importance to local people:</b>	By meeting targets that improve the supply of affordable housing provision, the affordable housing needs of Huntingdonshire will be met.
<b>Value for Money Concerns:</b>	N/A
<b>Contributes to tackling inequalities:</b>	With Huntingdonshire's average house price increased by 36% since April 2014, this has made it increasingly difficult for some residents to be

	able to buy a property within the District. Delivering on affordable housing targets will enable more residents to purchase or rent their own properties and will reduce the risk of residents becoming homeless.
<b>Improving partnership working:</b>	Investigate what plans Housing Associations have to deliver more affordable housing.
<b>Tackling underperformance in services:</b>	N/A
<b>Cross-cutting issue:</b>	The increased supply of affordable housing, particularly affordable rent, could alleviate homelessness problems within Huntingdonshire.
<b>Summary of overall anticipated benefits and intended outcomes:</b>	The Task and Finish Group will have a greater understanding of how effective the 40% target is and what methods could support the delivery of affordable housing provision.
<b>Indicators of success:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish whether the 40% target is effective.</li> <li>• Discover methods which will support the delivery of affordable housing provision.</li> </ul>
<b>Scope:</b>	
<b>In Scope:</b> <i>(Define what the scope of the review will be)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the percentage of affordable housing delivered on all sites.</li> <li>• Review the effectiveness of other methods (e.g. Neighbourhood Plans, Community Land Trusts, Rural Exception Sites) in delivering affordable housing.</li> </ul>
<b>Excluded from Scope:</b> <i>(Define the exclusions from the scope of the review)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redefining what affordable housing is.</li> <li>• Investigating previous decisions of the Development Management Committee / Panel.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits:</b>	By establishing the effectiveness of the 40% target and the methods which will enable more affordable housing to be delivered will mean that Huntingdonshire's residents will have access to a healthy supply of affordable housing including properties with affordable rent. In doing this the Council will also be fulfilling the pledge made within the Corporate Plan.
<b>Council and Partner Involvement</b>	
<b>Who would need to be involved from the Council?</b>	Head of Service and/or his nominated representative.
<b>Which of our partners, stakeholders and members of the community should we discuss this with?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Associations</li> <li>• Local Developers</li> <li>• Combined Authority</li> </ul>

<b>Review Resources</b>	
<b>Evidence:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is affordable housing? House of Commons Library Briefing Paper, 21 September 2018</li> <li>• Stats on the number of affordable housing delivered in Huntingdonshire.</li> <li>• Information on other methods (e.g. Neighbourhood Plans, Community Land Trusts, Rural Exception Sites). <i>Have they delivered affordable housing? If yes, then how much?</i></li> </ul>
<b>Witnesses:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Development</li> <li>• Combined Authority Representative</li> </ul>
<b>Site visits:</b>	N/A
<b>Consultation:</b>	Discussions will need to be had with the Combined Authority to exploit any opportunities to accelerate and develop additional affordable housing provision.
<b>Expert Advice:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head of Development</li> </ul>
<b>Timescales:</b>	
<b>Anticipated Review Start Date:</b>	November 2018
<b>Anticipated Reporting Date:</b>	March 2019
<b>Frequency of Meetings:</b>	<p>Each month with the recommended timetable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 18 - Discuss and review scope</li> <li>• December 18 - Review evidence provided</li> <li>• January 19 - Interview expert witnesses</li> <li>• February 19 - Action any loose ends and discuss recommendations for final report</li> <li>• March 19 - Issue Final Report</li> </ul>
<b>Date to evaluate impact:</b>	March 2020 – Review of recommendations