

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS) – 1st February 2017**

**LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN FOR BEARSCROFT FARM DEVELOPMENT**

The Local Lettings Plan for Bearscroft Farm, Godmanchester was presented to the Panel. Members were informed that 51 affordable rental properties are being developed and they will be dispersed in four clusters across the development.

Some Members of the Panel struggled with the purpose of the Local Lettings Plan but they were informed that the Council has recognised that previous lettings on larger sites have not worked as well as anticipated and that the Plan is designed to create a more cohesive community.

The Panel were very supportive of the Local Lettings Plan and enquired as to whether the Local Lettings Policy should be changed to reflect the approach taken in the Plan. However, the Panel were informed that the Policy complies with legislation and that to amend the Policy to reflect the approach taken in the Local Lettings Plan would be difficult.

A Member raised a concern that there may be some residents in the District who may feel that the Plan is not fair and would attempt to challenge it.