

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (ECONOMY AND GROWTH) –
20th June 2017**

HUNTINGDONSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY 2017-2020

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the Huntingdonshire Housing Strategy 2017-2020 and the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-18 at their meeting on 20th June 2017.

Concern was expressed that the stated housing trajectory seemed fictitious however the Executive Councillor for Housing and Regulatory Services is confident that the amount of housing completions can be delivered. Members were informed that the housing trajectory graph comes from the annual monitoring report in which developers told the Council how many sites they are intending to build out.

A discussion ensued regarding Rural Exception Sites and the promotion of them. The Panel were informed that whilst in the Action Plan, the Council are providing a myth busting tour and a half day workshop to raise awareness, Members were told that they are best placed to advocate rural exception sites to their Parish Councils and the wider community.

A Member raised a concern that there are not the resources for priorities seven to twelve however clarification was given that it is not the case that resources are not available but rather the results don't warrant the resource.

The Panel endorsed the Housing Strategy 2017-20 and the Housing Strategy Action Plan 2017-18 and recommend to Cabinet that it be adopted.

In addition the Panel would like the Housing Strategy and the Action Plan to return to a future Panel meeting to assess whether the Council are meeting the targets set out.