

5 Year Housing Land Supply Statement for the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2020

Purpose of the Report

To again present the information and results of the latest calculation of the 5 year housing land supply, as contained in the Statement that was attached to the report to the 3rd June Planning Committee.

Recommendations

- 1) That members note the results of the 5 year supply report as detailed in the report to the 3rd June Planning Committee (copies of this report are available upon request from Democratic Services).**
- 2) That officers give active consideration to the preparation of a revised supply statement following the publication of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment**
- 3) That members note the significance of the 5 year supply position in Development Management decision making as described in the report to the 3rd June Planning Committee.**

Reasons

To ensure the Council makes decisions in line with up-to-date planning policy and its latest 5 year housing land supply Statement.

A report was submitted to the Planning Committee on the 3rd June 2015 presenting the information and results of the latest calculation by officers of the Council's 5 year housing land supply position. A copy of the latest 5 year housing land supply Statement accompanied that report. Members are asked to refer to that report and the accompanying Statement, as contained within the agenda for the 3rd June meeting and to bring that agenda to the Committee on the 21st July.

Members of the Committee considered that additional information and advice was required before an informed decision could be made regarding the report. The Committee resolved that a decision be deferred to the earliest possible meeting and asked that information be distributed as soon as possible to Members of the Committee

A Table has been prepared of just some of the appeal decisions determined recently at which an area's 5 year housing land supply has been a critical factor and in particular where an authority was relying upon household projections to demonstrate their housing requirements. This Table is attached as Appendix 1. Inevitably each Council's position will vary.

The Planning Advisory Service on the 30th June 2015 published what it terms a list of 5 year Housing Land Supply Frequently Asked Questions. This is attached as Appendix 2. Members may find particularly useful the "answers" to questions 1, 5, 6, 9 and 16 in particular. Members can access the relevant PAS web page directly by clicking [here](#).

