

Interim Planning Policy Statement; Mid-year 5-year Housing Land Supply statement and; Local Plan timetable

Purpose :

To provide Members of the Planning Committee with the opportunity to inform Cabinet of their views on:

- (a) Preparation of an Interim Planning Policy Statement;
- (b) Production of a mid-year 5-year housing land supply statement and;
- (c) A refreshed process and timetable for preparation of the Joint Local Plan.

Recommendation :

That should the Planning Committee wish to make any comments to Cabinet on the appended report which gives consideration to a) the preparation of an Interim Planning Policy Statement; b) the Production of a mid-year 5-year housing land supply statement and; c) A refreshed process and timetable for preparation of the Joint Local Plan that it does so now, so that they can be taken into account by Cabinet at its meeting on the 16 September.

Reason :

To provide the Planning Committee with the same report on the matters outlined above as is being submitted to Cabinet on 16 September.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that at its meeting on the 21 July the Planning Committee were provided with an opportunity to submit comments to the 22 July Cabinet meeting on the progress made in implementing the Action Plan agreed by the Council in response to the report of the Planning Peer Review Team. Members are reminded that Action 3a) of the updated Action Plan includes a proposal to develop an Interim Planning Policy Statement. Planning Committee resolved not to make any comments.
- 1.2 At its meeting on the 22 July Cabinet agreed that officers should bring a report on the development of an Interim Planning Policy Statement to Cabinet on the 16 September with comments from an earlier Planning Committee.
- 1.3 At the same July meeting of the Planning Committee Members also gave consideration to a report presenting the information and the results of the latest calculation of the five year housing land supply and it was resolved that Officers give active consideration to the preparation of a revised supply statement following the publication of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

- 1.4 A report for Cabinet has now been prepared on the preparation of some form of Interim Planning Policy Statement as a response to the Planning Peer Review process. In so doing it is appropriate to consider the current five-year housing land supply context for such action including the preparation of evidence for the forthcoming Local Plan and to advise members of the most efficient process for addressing relevant matters. This report is due to be considered at its meeting on the 16 September. A copy of this Cabinet report is attached.