

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

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| Title of report | LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE AUTHORITIES' JOINT STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION RELATING TO OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED NEED FOR HOUSING |
| Key Decision | a) Financial No b) Community Yes |
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| Purpose of report | To endorse the Joint Statement |
| Reason for decision | To comply with the Duty to Cooperate |
| Council priorities | Homes and Communities |
| Implications: Financial/Staff Link to relevant CAT Risk Management Equalities Impact Screening Human Rights Transformational Government | None Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable |
| Comments of Head of Paid Service | Report is satisfactory |

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| Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer | Report is satisfactory |
| Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer | Report is satisfactory |
| Consultees | None |
| Background papers | 2016 joint statement on cooperation |
| Recommendations | IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE AUTHORITIES' JOINT STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION RELATING TO OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED NEED FOR HOUSING BE ENDORSED |

1.0 CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Leicester & Leicestershire local planning authorities have a long history of working together on development plan making. This joint working extends to addressing the Duty to Cooperate, as enshrined in the Localism Act 2011.
- 1.2 To assist the North West Leicestershire Local Plan, the Leicester & Leicestershire authorities each signed a Joint Statement of Cooperation, which confirmed that we were each content for the Council to Submit its local plan to the Secretary of State.

2.0 THE UPDATED JOINT STATEMENT

- 2.1 Melton Borough Council Submitted its local plan on 4th October 2017, and has sought similar agreement from the Leicester & Leicestershire authorities. A working group was formed, and reached agreement about the content of an updated Joint Statement of Cooperation Relating to Objectively Assessed Need for Housing, which appears at **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 2.2 That statement sets out the total housing targets for each of the authorities between 2011 and 2031, and between 2011 and 2036, and says that each of the authorities (other than Leicester City) will meet their own housing needs. The statement confirms that Leicester City has formally declared unmet housing needs. It also sets out that the total housing needs for the whole of the city and county can be accommodated. It stops short of re-allocating the declared unmet housing needs. Oadby & Wigston declared an unmet housing need in January 2016, however it withdrew that declaration on 24th October 2017, and now says it can meet its housing needs to 2031.

3.0 THE PROCESS SO FAR

- 3.1 At the conclusion of the working group meetings, the Leicester & Leicestershire Strategic Planning Group, comprising Chief Executives / Chief Planners of each of the Councils, as well as the Local Enterprise Partnership, endorsed the Joint Statement at its meeting which was held on 24th October 2017.

- 3.2 The Leicester & Leicestershire Members' Advisory Group, which comprises Leaders / Portfolio Holders, endorsed the Joint Statement at its meeting which was held on 6th November 2017.
- 3.3 Each of the individual authorities are now formally considering the Joint Statement via their own individual governance processes. This report seeks North West Leicestershire District Council's formal endorsement of the Joint Statement.