

COUNCIL – 11 SEPTEMBER 2018

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R ADAMS TO COUNCILLOR R D BAYLISS

“The Portfolio holder will be aware regarding Planning Applications that in exceptional circumstances (such as site specific constraints or demonstrable viability issues) the Local Authority may accept a sum of money (referred to as a commuted sum) to make provision for affordable housing on another site(s).

Could the Portfolio holder tell me how much this Council holds in Affordable Housing Commuted Sums up to the end of August 2018 and what is the total outstanding in unpaid Affordable Housing Contributions up to the end of August 2018?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R D BAYLISS

“At the end of August 2018 the Council held £2,443,362.79 for affordable housing. Commuted sums have recently been used to support the Council’s new build programme at Smedley Close and Staley Avenue, Ashby. We will also be looking to use commuted sums to support future phases.

Commitments have also been made to spend commuted sums on supporting the development (by east midlands homes) of 14 affordable rented homes at Scotlands Road, Coalville and 65 apartments at the district’s first ever extra care scheme at Burton Road, Ashby.

In addition, there is about £1,532,000 which is attached to development which have either not started or yet to reach the necessary trigger for payment. This figure may increase as a number of agreements on sites where development has yet to start allow for the possibility of either on-site provision or an off-site commuted sum”.