

Title of Report	RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	
Presented by	Councillor Roger Bayliss Housing and Customer Services Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	Papers for the Task and Finish Group meetings	Public Report: Yes
		Key Decision: No
Financial Implications	No direct financial implications from the recommendations of this report at this stage though if accepted further work will take place in respect of the financial implications arising from the housing strategy.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The report is satisfactory	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	No direct impact on staffing or corporate implications apart from those being addressed in the Housing Strategy	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To advise Cabinet of the outcome of the work of the Community Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, and allow them to consider the recommendations from that Group which were supported by the Community Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 26 October 2021.	
Reason for Decision	To inform the production of the updated Housing Strategy.	
Recommendations	<p>THAT CABINET CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND IF SUPPORTED DELEGATED IMPLEMENTATION TO THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER.</p> <p>THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE –</p> <p><i>RECOMMENDED TO CABINET THAT:</i></p> <p>1) <i>THE COUNCIL WRITE TO GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGING A REFORM OF THE LAND COMPENSATION ACT.</i></p>	

	<p>2) A TARGET LEVEL OF 199 NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES (RENTED AND LOW-COST HOME OWNERSHIP) BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW HOUSING STRATEGY FOR NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT SUBJECT TO:</p> <p>a) AN ENHANCED JOINT WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER HOUSING PROVIDERS, INCLUDING INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS WITH REGISTERED PROVIDERS ACTIVE IN THE DISTRICT.</p> <p>b) OFFICERS LOOKING INTO WAITING TIMES TARGETS FOR THE VARIOUS HOUSING NEED BANDS ON THE HOUSING WAITING LIST.</p>
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1.0 BACKGROUND

Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is the final report of the Task and Finish Group established to scrutinise the area of “Increasing the supply of affordable housing”.

The report details the work undertaken by the group and their subsequent recommendations to Community Scrutiny Committee. The report was considered by Community Scrutiny on 26 October 2021.

The report recommendations were approved, and the draft minutes of the meetings relating to this item are included below for reference.

**EXTRACT FROM DRAFT MINUTES OF
COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 26 OCTOBER 2021**

Item ID	11925
Item Title	Recommendations from the Increasing the Supply of Affordable Housing Task and Finish Group
Summary	<p>The Strategic Director presented the report to Members.</p> <p>During discussion, a query was raised on the confidence from officers that the proposed annual figure of 199 new affordable homes could be deliverable. The Strategic Director reported that data indicated the target would be met in the current year as numbers were projected at 220 new affordable homes but acknowledged that it was an aspirational figure as guarantees could not be made on the amount developers would build. Members were reminded that this figure was recommended following the work of the Task and Finish group but ultimately was a decision of the Committee.</p> <p>Members congratulated the work of the Task and Finish Group as it was felt that a thorough review had been undertaken.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor T Eynon, seconded by Councillor J Simmons and it was</p>

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET THAT:

- 3) The Council write to Government encouraging a reform of the Land Compensation Act.
- 4) A target level of 199 new affordable homes (rented and low-cost home ownership) be included in the new Housing Strategy for new affordable housing development in the district subject to:
 - c) An enhanced joint working partnership with other housing providers, including increasing the frequency of meetings with registered providers active in the district.
 - d) Officers looking into waiting times targets for the various housing need bands on the housing waiting list.

Cabinet are invited to consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group, and if they are supported, to delegate implementation to the Strategic Director and Portfolio Holder.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	Insert relevant Council Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing a clean and green district - Local people live in high quality, affordable homes - Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	Decision will influence the Housing Strategy which is currently being updated for consideration by Cabinet December 2021.
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	The provision of affordable housing is an important part of the Councils role in promoting equality and diversity for our communities.
Customer Impact:	Providing affordable housing is an important part of the role of the Council in terms of providing both housing choices for people on our Housing Register, and
Economic and Social Impact:	No issues
Environment and Climate Change:	New affordable homes will be provided to the highest environmental standards, demonstrating community leadership in this area and making a significant contribution towards the Councils Zero Carbon 2030 target.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Community Scrutiny Committee
Risks:	Risks associated with the deliver of affordable housing are managed through the Councils performance management systems.
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