

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, 26
OCTOBER 2021



Title of Report	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TASK AND FINISH GROUP	
Presented by	Report of the Task and Finish Group (Chris Lambert, Head of Housing, Lead Officer)	
Background Papers	Notes of meetings of the Task and Finish Group available from Committee Administration Team	Public Report: Yes
Financial Implications	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The Land Compensation Act 1961 has been the subject of discussion on reform for a number of years, including a report from the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee. The enclosure to this report covers the Government's response to that report. Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Reason Agenda Item Submitted to Scrutiny Committee	The Task and Finish Group formed to review the subject of "increasing the supply of affordable housing" has concluded its work and produced the attached final report with recommendations to be considered by Community Scrutiny Committee.	
Recommendations	<p>That the Community Scrutiny Committee consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and determine the recommendation they wish to make to Cabinet on the matter.</p> <p>Recommendation from the Task and Finish Group -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>That Community Scrutiny recommends to Cabinet that the Council writes to Government encouraging a reform of the Land Compensation Act. Exact wording to be drafted by officers and included in the final report for agreement.</i> 	

	<p>2. <i>That a target level of 199 new affordable homes (rented and low cost home ownership) be proposed for inclusion in the new housing strategy for new affordable housing development in the district subject to:</i></p> <p>a. <i>An enhanced joint working partnership with other housing providers, including increasing the frequency of meetings with registered providers active in the District.</i></p> <p>b. <i>Officers looking into waiting times targets for the various housing need bands on the housing waiting list.</i></p>
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1. REPORT

- 1.1 Attached to this covering report is the final report of the Task and Finish Group formed to examine increasing the supply of affordable homes.
- 1.2 The final report includes a series of recommendations for the Committee to consider and determine what recommendation to make to Cabinet on the matter. The outcome is scheduled to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting in November 2021.

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:	Local Plan Housing Strategy
Safeguarding:	N/A
Equalities/Diversity:	Detail any equalities/diversity considerations made.
Customer Impact:	Detail any impact the decision will have on customers
Economic and Social Impact:	Increasing the supply of affordable homes will enhance the housing choices available for local residents in housing need
Environment and Climate Change:	New affordable homes will be constructed to an appropriately high level of thermal efficiency as part of our wider Zero Carbon Roadmap approach to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.
Consultation/Community Engagement:	None
Risks:	As part of its Corporate Governance arrangements, the Council must ensure that Risk management is considered and satisfactorily covered in any report put before elected Members for a decision or action.
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