

CABINET – 14TH MARCH 2019

Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

ITEM 13 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the approval of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS).

Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Planning, Inward Investment and Tourism Strategy and the Head of Planning and Regeneration provided the following responses:

- (i) The Group was advised that the timeframe detailed in the report was achievable although the department had no control on variables such as further government regulation being issued or stakeholder input.
- (ii) Planned developments identified in the core strategy could be expected to deliver the infrastructure identified as they had been tested as part of the examination of that plan. Unplanned developments must be assessed to understand their impacts and those impacts then mitigated in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations. Where required infrastructure is not proposed it is a matter for the Plans Committee to consider the evidence and the harm caused and whether permission should be approved or refused. The Plans Committee had approved a number of applications in the last few years where required affordable housing was not included as part of the planning permission as evidence, independently tested by the District Valuer, suggested that the proposals would not be viable if it was included.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 65 2018/19, 11th March 2019
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