

**LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP**

A meeting of the Local Plan Working Group was held on 1 May 2018.

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Rooney, N J Walker, Walters and L Young

**OFFICERS:** A Conti, P Clarke, K Whitwell

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bloundele, C M Rooney.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**1 MINUTES - LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP - 12 MARCH 2018**

The minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Working Group held on 12 March 2018 were taken as read and approved.

**2 CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK**

The Government has published for consultation changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. AC summarised the main changes which include:

- A standardised methodology for assessing housing need to replace the existing approach in SHMAs.
- This approach does not take into account ambition.
- Local Plan to address housing needs of specific groups of people including students and older people.
- New Housing Delivery Test.
- Measure of delivery against need over 3 year period.
- Comes into effect November 2018.
- Viability - Plans subject to viability assessment.
- Plans to set out policy requirements from development sites.
- Expectation is that viability should not be necessary at application stage (if development accords with the Plan) - concern about how realistic this approach is.
- Statements of common ground between Duty to cooperate bodies.
- Requirement for 20% of housing supply on small sites.
- Additional CIL/S106 consultation.

The closing date for the consultation is 10th May 2018, the Council is intending to submit a response to the consultation. The revised NPPF is likely to be published in the Summer.

**3 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to arrange the next meeting for the beginning of June.

**4 ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR MAY BE CONSIDERED.**

None.

**5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**ORDERED** that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 6        **LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS**
  - A) **UPDATE.**
  - B) **CONSULTATION.**

This item was confidential.