



CABINET – 1ST OCTOBER 2014

SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (FIRST REVIEW) UP TO 2031: POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD GROWTH OPTIONS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 1.1 The attached report, which sought to obtain the views of elected members on the proposed level of population and household growth to be included in the Preferred Strategy, to underpin the first review of the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031, was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 16th September 2014. It seeks the views of Cabinet before it is referred to Council for determination.
- 1.2 The report detailed key assumptions that determine the future level of population and housing growth to be accommodated in the county borough, in particular the level of births, deaths and net migration. Members were informed of the stakeholder engagement undertaken to date for the review of the LDP and how this work has influenced the population and household growth scenarios presented for consideration in this report.
- 1.3 The Committee's views were sought on the use of population and household growth scenario M as a basis for the preparation of the Preferred Strategy, which will be considered by Council in early 2015.
- 1.4 Members raised a number of queries in regards to the report, in particular section 4.33 which detailed the land use implications of Scenario M, which recommended an annual house-building rate of 600 dwellings per annum, equating to 12,000 new dwellings over the plan period. Officers confirmed that all existing land allocations would be revisited to ensure they were still appropriate to the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan.
- 1.5 Following detailed discussion on the content of the report, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein:-
 - (i) Population and Household Growth Scenarios A, B, E, H and M be subject to further consideration by stakeholders as part of the pre-deposit public consultation stage of the review process;
 - (ii) Population and Household Growth Scenario M be used as the Preferred Growth Option and as a basis to underpin the Preferred Strategy for the Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan (First Review) up to 2031.
- 1.6 Members are asked to consider the recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 16th September 2014 – Agenda Item 15