



## COUNCIL – 19TH JANUARY 2021

**SUBJECT: CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - HOUSING DELIVERY STATEMENT**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

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- 1.1 The attached report, which was considered by the Planning Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, provided an update to Members on recent changes to planning policy in respect of housing supply and housing delivery. The report asked Planning Committee to consider the Housing Delivery Statement and endorse the Statement and its recommendations for consideration by Council.
  - 1.2 Members received a presentation which provided an overview of the Housing Delivery Statement. This Statement explains the housing trajectory and sets out what pro-active actions the Council is taking to address the shortfall in housing. Subject to approval by Council, the Housing Delivery Statement will be a consideration for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) in the determination of future planning applications.
  - 1.3 It was noted that although there is no requirement to submit an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to Welsh Government (WG) in 2020 in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to focus on plan preparation, the Council has prepared a Housing Delivery Statement to address the matter of housing delivery and housing supply that is normally addressed in the AMR. This is particularly pertinent as there have been significant changes in national planning policy to the way that the amount of land available for housing is considered.
  - 1.4 Members debated the report and Officers provided clarification in response to queries received around the remit and composition of the Housing Stakeholder Group. Particular concerns were expressed as to the limited Elected Member involvement in the Group, which Members were concerned would cease once a development plan is adopted. It was suggested that there should be an ongoing Member presence on the Group to allow for continued scrutiny.
  - 1.5 Individual Members requested that the Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise give consideration to these issues, who in turn confirmed that he would take these concerns into account as far as possible and would explore the matter outside of the meeting with the Members who had raised these points. However, it was emphasised to the Committee that Members will have the opportunity to scrutinise the housing trajectory agreed by the Housing Stakeholder Group as part of the Annual Monitoring Report, which will be reported to Council on an annual basis, and also through the LDP Focus Group in respect of the trajectory to be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Replacement LDP. The Council are limited in what actions they can take regarding membership of the Housing Stakeholder

Group, as this has been established in accordance with the requirements of Welsh Government planning guidance (i.e. the Development Plans Manual).

- 1.6 Having considered the report, and subject to the comments received in respect of membership of the Housing Stakeholder Group being considered by the Cabinet Member for Economy and Enterprise, the Planning Committee (by the majority present and in noting in that there were 13 for, 0 against and 1 abstention) endorsed the Housing Delivery Statement and its recommendations, and recommended to Council that :-
- (i) the Housing Delivery Statement and its recommendations be approved as the basis for informing future planning decisions by the Local Planning Authority.
- 1.7 Council are asked to consider the report and the above recommendation from the Planning Committee.

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Appendices:

Appendix Report to Planning Committee 2nd December 2020 - Agenda Item 8