

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

ITEM:	INTERIM POSITION STATEMENT UPON HOUSING DELIVERY
Members Present:	Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, D Harlow, J Lester, PM Morgan (Deputy Leader), PD Price, P Rone.
Date of Decision:	21 September 2016
Exempt:	No -
Confidential	No
This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the county.	
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve an interim position statement on housing delivery.
Decision:	THAT: (a) the draft interim position statement upon housing delivery (at appendix 1) be approved; and (b) the need for such a statement be reviewed on an annual basis or earlier if it is clear that the council is able to demonstrate the existence of a five year supply of available housing land.
Reasons for the Decision:	To provide planning officers and planning committee with advice regarding the approach to dealing with planning applications for housing in the absence of a 5-year supply of available housing land.
Options Considered:	Alternative options to preparing an interim statement would include: (a) Continuing to process planning applications without an interim statement. This would not provide a positive response to the lack of a five year housing supply and would result in significant difficulties at planning appeals in justifying why adopted policy SS3 – ensuring sufficient housing land delivery of the core strategy was not being fully implemented.

	<p>(b) Undertake a partial review of the core strategy or adoption of new development plan documents. Policy SS3 does provide the option for a partial review of the core strategy in order to increase the supply of housing land. This option is not recommended given how recently the core strategy was approved and that adopting this option would require the identification of additional strategic allocations and would not provide a solution in short/medium term. Given the rate at which neighbourhood plans are now being finalised and adopted, and the potential for a positive improvement in the overall housing land supply within that period, to undertake a partial review or adopt new development plan documents is not currently recommended; it is proposed that the position be reviewed annually.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>27 September 2016</p>

<p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSONDate: 21 September 2016 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p>
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■ a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

■ in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.