



## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The following is a record of the decisions taken at the meeting of **CABINET** held on **Wednesday 16 January 2019**. The decisions will come into force and may be implemented from **Monday 28 January 2019** unless the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or its Committees object to any such decision and call it in.

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### County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft [Key Decision: REAL/01/18]

#### Summary

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which requested that the Cabinet agree the following:

- 1 the Pre-Submission Draft of the County Durham Plan for publication and consultation;
- 2 the County Durham Building for Life and Residential Amenity Standards Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) for public consultation;
- 3 the adoption of the Habitat Regulations Assessment: Developer Guidance and Requirements in County Durham;
- 4 supporting documents for consultation including the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Spatial Strategy Justification, Exceptional Circumstances and Statement of Consultation.

The Pre-Submission Draft of the County Durham Plan is the final stage in the Plan's development. It has been informed by extensive formal consultation with residents, businesses, the development industry, key stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.

The Pre-Submission Draft has also been informed by a number of integral assessments including Sustainable Appraisal, Habitat Regulation Assessment and Health Impact Assessment. It is also supported by Supplementary Planning Documents and an extensive evidence base.

The County Durham Plan seeks to ensure that County Durham is a successful place to live, work, invest and visit by focussing on supporting and creating vibrant communities by delivering:

- More and better jobs and sustained economic growth;
- A wide choice of high quality homes that supports economic growth and meets the needs of all people;
- A high quality built and enhanced natural environment; and

- The necessary supporting infrastructure including transport, health and educational needs.

Consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft will run from 25 January 2019 until 8 March 2019. This is in accordance with the adopted Local Development Scheme. Following this consultation there will an opportunity to make minor modifications to the Plan before submission to the Secretary of State. Before submission the Plan must be agreed by Cabinet and Full Council. This is likely to be in June 2019. The Planning Inspectorate will then inform on the dates for the Examination in Public which is anticipated to be during Autumn/Winter 2019.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet:

- a) Agreed the County Durham Plan Pre-Submission Draft for Publication and consultation from 25 January 2019 to 8 March 2019;
- b) Agreed that any minor modifications following Cabinet agreement and before consultation begins be agreed by the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Development;
- c) Agreed, for consultation, the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Statement of Consultation, Exceptional Circumstances and the Spatial Strategy Justification;
- d) Agreed the County Durham Building for Life Supplementary Planning Document for consultation from 25 January 2019 to 8 March 2019 and agreed to delegate to the Director of Regeneration and Local Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration the power to make minor modifications to the document following consultation and approve the final document;
- e) Agreed the Residential Amenity Standards Supplementary Planning Document for consultation from 25 January 2019 to 8 March 2019; and
- f) Agreed to adopt the revised Habitat Regulations Assessment: Developer Guidance and Requirements in County Durham.

## **County Durham Housing Strategy & County Durham Homelessness Strategy [Key Decision: REAL/02/18]**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which requested agreement to publish the County Durham Housing Strategy and the County Durham Homelessness Strategy, for public consultation. The County Durham Housing Strategy has been developed to consider housing issues across County Durham. The Strategy will provide a strategic framework to inform the actions and investment of the council and its partners and has been developed to ensure the council is well positioned to maximise future opportunities for funding support.

The Housing Strategy contains a series of 'key messages' which serve to articulate the council and its partner's delivery priorities and approach to addressing housing issues. First and foremost, the Housing Strategy seeks to put people first and to focus on the housing needs of the residents of County Durham. Key messages within the Housing Strategy include:

- a) Delivering homes to meet the needs of older people within communities and supporting people to live independently for as long as possible;
- b) Raising standards across the private rented sector through seeking greater licencing powers in order to tackle poor landlords, as well as continuous engagement with landlords and the extension of the Accredited Landlord Scheme for responsible landlords;
- c) Working with those communities most affected by long term empty properties. This will include working with property owners and landlords with the aim of bringing empty properties back into use wherever possible;
- d) Maximising the delivery of affordable homes, both by securing developer contributions as part of new housing development and through close partnership working with Registered Providers and Homes England;

Under the Homelessness Act 2002, all housing authorities must have in place a Homelessness Strategy based on a review of all forms of homelessness in their area. The purpose of the Homelessness Strategy is to set out the strategic approach, key priorities and actions to work towards preventing homelessness across County Durham over the next three years.

The homelessness strategy includes three overall aims and an action plan for each aim. The aims are as follows:

- i. To prevent homelessness through early intervention
- ii. To increase access to and the supply of accommodation for those who homeless or threatened with homelessness
- iii. To provide a range of support services to reduce the risk of households becoming homeless.

The Housing Strategy and the Homelessness Strategy will be published for a separate but coordinated public consultation for a period of six weeks commencing on 25 January 2019. Consultation will be undertaken with residents of County Durham and other stakeholders with a potential interest in the content of the document. The council will make use of its partnership structure to assist in disseminating information about the Housing Strategy. This will also provide a means to ensure engagement with the providers of specialist housing products and services.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet:

- a) Agreed the Housing Strategy for consultation on 25 January to 8 March 2019;
- b) Agreed the Homelessness Strategy for consultation on 25 January to 8 March 2019; and

- c) Agreed that any minor modifications, following Cabinet agreement and before consultation begins, be agreed by the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing and Assets.

## **Durham History Centre – Next Steps [Key Decision: CORP/TAP/01/19/1]**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which updated members on progress with the Durham History Centre project and requested Cabinet's agreement for next steps for funding.

The Durham History Centre project has progressed significantly since the proposal was considered by Cabinet in January 2018. Public and stakeholder consultation has shaped the proposal. Over 600 individual responses to the consultation were received, with overwhelming support for the project proposal. Respondents were keen on exhibitions, multi-media access, interactive engagement and especially the inclusion of the DLI/ military collection in the new centre. This was supported by 96% of respondents and is therefore a key element of the project proposal.

The January 2018 Cabinet report set out the estimated range of capital costs for the scheme between £14.8 and 17.7million, and agreed that these would be included in future MTFP plans. The report also agreed the submission of an external funding bid. The bid for this heavily oversubscribed HLF funding was unsuccessful, however, in line with the widespread public support for the scheme, the report proposed that the Durham History Centre project be progressed.

The report also proposed that the Council complete the purchase of the Manor House at Mount Oswald, and continue with detailed design of the proposed scheme. As outlined in the October 2018 Cabinet report, this will include development of a digital strategy and activity plan to widen participation in the service and the site.

The report also recommended the consideration of other funding sources to support both revenue and capital aspects of the scheme, in particular the digital strategy, exhibition fit out and the activity plan. Whilst ongoing revenue costs can be met within existing service budgets, one off revenue costs will need to be funded either from a small dedicated revenue budget for the project, from general reserves (decant and dual running costs) or external funding.

The Durham History Centre project would bring together five archive and collection services, alongside Durham Register Office, in a Grade II listed building, creating a flagship facility where 'stories begin' and people can discover and explore national and internationally significant collections. Durham History Centre would be at the heart of a new audience-focused service reaching out across County Durham through activities, digital programmes and partnerships.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet:

- a) Agreed to continue with the Durham History Centre project.
- b) Noted the forecast maximum capital requirement of £17.7 million and that further bids to fund the scheme will be submitted as part of development of MTFP (9) £6.6 million and MTFP (10) £3.3 million;
- c) Noted the ongoing focus of the project team to manage costs through value engineering;
- d) Noted that as reported in January 2018, ongoing revenue costs can be met from available resources;
- e) Noted that one off revenue costs will be met from a mix of a dedicated project budget, general reserves for decant and dual running costs, alongside further external funding bids to support the new centre, in particular to support exhibitions and activities;
- f) Authorised the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Local Services and the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Strategic Housing and Assets and Finance to continue the negotiations with the landowner to acquire Mount Oswald Manor House;
- g) Agreed to further public consultation on the design of the scheme, exhibition and activity plans.

## **The County Durham Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan 2019-2029**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval for the Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan for County Durham 2019-2029.

The Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan sets out the ambition to make County Durham a place that is recognised as a cycling and walking friendly county, and that the networks are safe, accessible and well maintained.

It also seeks to encourage more people, across all demographic groups, to take up cycling or walking for everyday journeys and that the quality of people's lives, health and fitness are improved. The ten year delivery plan is accompanied by a five year Action Plan, which will be used to create an annual work programme enabling progress to be monitored against the overall delivery of the plan.

The adoption of the Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan will place the council in a good position to attract additional external funding.

It is also important to continue to work closely with colleagues across the north east region to ensure the delivery plan is recognised in the emerging regional transport framework, which will be led by the new statutory Joint Transport Committee.

### **Decision**

The Cabinet approved the final version of the Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan for County Durham 2019-2029.

## **Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Review of support provided to the retail sector by Durham County Council**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which presented the key findings and recommendations of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Review Group report focusing on the support provided by Durham County Council to the retail sector.

The review followed six lines of enquiry:

- Examine and understand DCC's responsibilities for regeneration, economic development and planning with a specific focus on the retail sector.
- Examine the retail sector nationally, regionally and locally, identifying specific challenges for the retail sector in County Durham.
- Consider the role of DCC and key partners including the AAPs in developing, promoting and delivering retail support in the county.
- Examine with commercial letting agents in the county the current process for marketing retail premises, the information provided by DCC to agents on the retail offer and any issues/challenges with the current process.
- Identify any gaps in current retail support in the county and examine any actions identified by DCC and partners to tackle gaps in provision.
- Examine and understand the Durham Business Improvement District (BID).

The review group gathered evidence via desktop research, evidence provided by reports and presentations from DCC officers and key partners including Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), Enterprise Agencies, Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), North East Local Enterprise Partnership and commercial letting agents.

The group also carried out four visits to large town centres (Barnard Castle, Chester-le-Street, Seaham and Stanley) in the county providing an opportunity for Members to meet local retailers and developers to get their views on the support they had received from DCC.

The executive summary outlined the following conclusions that relate to:

- further detail to be included in the County Durham Town Centre Survey 2018 and a seminar arranged for all Durham County Council Members to consider and discuss the information provided in the 2018 survey;
- the need to monitor the performance of the various measures to protect town centres within the emerging County Durham Plan;
- ensuring that all areas in the county have access to high speed broadband and the possible roll out following a successful evaluation of the free public Wi-Fi scheme currently being piloted in Bishop Auckland and Stanley to other town centres in the county;
- improving signage in town centres;
- simplifying the process of organising events in our town centres less complex and considers how we can improve the promotion of town centre events with retailers and local communities;

- how Durham County Council promotes business support and business rate relief in the future including via Durham County Council web pages;
- continuing to develop training for the retail sector that meets the needs of local retailers;
- examining Durham County Council's car parking provision in all large town centres in the county including the consideration of various car parking initiatives on offer, the payment options available and measures to maintain the availability/turnover of spaces with a view to increasing footfall in our town centres;
- Area Action Partnerships sharing, across their network, details of various town centre projects which have supported the retail sector in the county.

The review report contained ten recommendations that relate to the conclusions above. The service provided a response to the reviews' conclusions and recommendations.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet noted the recommendations contained in the review report.

## **2019 Year of Culture including Durham County Council's Festivals and Events Calendar 2019/20**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which confirmed details of the 2019/20 festivals and events programme, and sought agreement for the allocation of funding to the programme. The report also sets out the wider context of the Council's programme within a 'Year of Culture' campaign incorporating partner and community cultural events from across the County.

The Year of Culture and the Council's own programme aligns with the Durham Tourism Management Plan priorities and it is envisaged to generate significant economic benefits for the local economy, whilst at the same time playing a critical role in realising the County's ambitions across a number of priorities by encouraging more people to discover and engage with Durham's culture and heritage.

Festivals and events have an important role to play in delivering the corporate approach to culture-led regeneration as they help place and position County Durham positively. Whilst at the same time supporting skills and health by engaging more people in culture and sport, attracting investment and extending engagement in community life and volunteering.

2019 sees a year of increased activity with a range of new cultural events, openings and anniversaries. These new activities build on the continued growth in cultural activity both through the County Council and wider partners that has been experienced in recent years. In 2019, it is planned to recognise this with a year of activities, festivals, events and anniversaries, in a designated 2019 Year of Culture.

The Year of Culture and the Council's own programme recognises the importance to tourism, economic impact and the benefit to residents. This work aligns with the Durham Tourism Management Plan priorities and is envisaged to generate significant economic benefits for the local economy, whilst at the same time playing a critical role in realising the County's ambitions across a number of priorities by encouraging more people to discover and engage with Durham's culture and heritage.

Increasing the consumption of culture, arts and heritage tourism experiences by visitors and residents the programme will provide a cultural legacy for the county which can be enjoyed by residents and visitors long after 2019.

Within both the Council's event programme and the wider Year of Culture there are many events which are free to access, encouraging engagement from all sectors of the community. Many events also have associated programmes to encourage learning and engagement for targeted populations and groups. The overall programme will encompass not only the larger scale events but also ensuring more local, community events, form part of the offer.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet:

- (a) Endorsed the 2019 Year of Culture campaign work and agree promotional work is progressed.
- (b) Approved the proposed allocation of budget for the 2019/20 Annual Programme and Investment and Development programme of events, noting the decision to enhance Durham County Council funding to this area of work from within service budgets.
- (c) Approved the proposed changes to the programme.
- (d) Noted the draft forward plan for potential signature events or support requests.

## **Camera Enforcement of Bus Lane Contraventions**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval to undertake civil enforcement of bus lanes using a column mounted camera. Enforcing bus lanes by camera will encourage greater compliance to the restriction which in turn will improve bus journey times, increasing service reliability and encourage sustainable transport.

Enforcement of bus lane restrictions is currently the responsibility of Durham Constabulary, however, other priorities mean that providing a regular Police enforcement presence is not possible. In 2013 the Council received approval to enforce bus lane contraventions and this report sought approval to commence this activity using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology.

Overall it is envisaged that the introduction of a re-deployable bus lane enforcement camera will assist in responding to public concerns and deliver the following benefits:



- i. Improved public transport timetable reliability, particularly at peak times;
- ii. Reduced bus journey times;
- iii. Encourage more use of sustainable transport methods;
- iv. Reduce potential vehicle/pedestrian conflict and improve the general feel of the main pedestrian route from the bus station to the Market Place;
- v. Assist in addressing longer term community concerns in relation to access contravention;
- vi. Demonstrate a commitment to deal with the minority of motorists who consistently flout restrictions;
- vii. Free up a Police resource for core policing duties.

It is expected that the proposed soft launch together with extensive publicity will help to educate motorists and encourage compliance.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet agreed the following proposals:

- (a) That the Council take over the responsibility for enforcement of bus lane restrictions from Durham Constabulary;
- (b) That a bus lane camera enforcement system be procured to ensure effective enforcement.

## **Medium Term Financial Plan(9), 2019/20 to 2022/23 and 2019/20 Budget**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Corporate Director of Resources and the Director of Transformation and Partnerships which provided an update on the development of the 2019/20 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP(9)) 2019/20 to 2022/23, reflecting upon the content of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Budget published on 29 October 2018 and the provisional Local Government Finance settlement published on 13 December 2018. The report also considered the outcomes of the MTFP(9) Budget Consultation process.

On 11 July 2018 Cabinet considered an update report on the continuing uncertainty facing local government due to ongoing austerity, pressures in social care and other unfunded pressures from pay and price inflation. The report also provided an update on the Fair Funding Review and the Council's significant exposure to changes being considered to the methodology for apportioning Public Health funding.

Updated financial projections at that point identified a savings requirement of £35.3 million over the four year MTFP(9) period, with £8.8 million of savings required to balance the budget in 2019/20. In total £14.2 million of saving proposals were identified across the MTFP(9) period leaving a shortfall of £21.1 million to balance the MTFP.

The Local Government Finance Settlement was announced on 13 December, 2018 and confirmed additional one off Winter Pressures funding and Social Care funding for 2019/20 of £2.822 million and £4.821 million respectively.

The settlement also confirmed additional 2018/19 one off funding of £1.921 million relating to refunded levy sums from the Business Rate Retention process.

The government has recognised the significant budget pressures local authorities are facing in the High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant budget which provides support to children with special needs. Additional funding of £1.059 million has been provided in 2018/19 and 2019/20, although these sums are not sufficient to meet the budget pressure the council is currently experiencing.

The settlement confirmed that the government intends to reimburse authorities who would experience negative Revenue Support Grant (RSG). The total reimbursement is £153 million. Negative RSG occurs where government funding cuts reach a point where some local authorities, who have relatively high tax bases, no longer receive any RSG. Ordinarily these authorities have their business rate tariff increased which ensures all authorities experience a similar reduction or increase in Core Spending Power (CSP). Government are however proposing to view negative RSG in isolation to CSP and make an adjustment to ensure negative RSG does not occur – which will result in additional resources for those authorities and increase their CSP.

The impact upon Core Spending Power for 2019/20 is significant. The average CSP increase across the country in 2019/20 is 2.8%. Wokingham has a 6.3% increase, North Yorkshire 4.8% and Surrey 4%.

The reimbursement to Surrey for Negative RSG is £17 million in 2019/20. The Local Government Finance Settlement only provided definitive information for 2019/20. The settlement position for 2020/21 and beyond will be determined by the 2019 Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and the outcome of the Fair Funding Review, which will be implemented from 2020/21. The outcome of these reviews will be very much influenced by the outcome of Brexit.

A Fair Funding consultation document was published on 13 December providing options on how the Government would seek to implement the outcome of the review from 2020/21. Further consultations are expected on the detail of the specific formula for distributing resources.

The impact of changes upon the Council's financial assumptions have resulted in the total savings required across the four years of MTFP(9) increasing from the previously forecast £35.3 million to £39.5 million. Although additional savings have been identified, the estimated savings shortfall has increased from £21.1 million to £23.2 million for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23.

The MTFP(9) budget consultation process was primarily targeted at engaging with partner agencies and the public on the Councils approach to savings to date and the proposed approach to achieving the full MTFP(9) savings requirements, including details of the savings proposals that had been proposed. The consultation also sought views on the strategic priorities for the County, to inform the new vision and corporate plan. The responses from the consultation were supportive of the approach the Council is taking whilst recognising the significant challenge faced from reductions in funding and increasing demand for statutory services.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet:

- (a) noted the overview of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Budget and the impact upon local government;
- (b) noted the impact of the provisional local government finance settlement upon the council;
- (c) noted the adjustments to the 2019/20 Budget which will result in the requirement to utilise £4.1 million of the Budget Support Reserve;
- (d) noted that savings required across the MTFP(9) period 2019/20 to 2022/23 has increased to £39.5 million;
- (e) noted that £16.3 million of savings have been identified across the MTFP(9) period but the council will need to identify and approve additional savings of a forecast £23.2 million across the 2019/20 to 2022/23 period to balance the budget;
- (f) noted the output from the MTFP(9) budget consultation process and utilise the information when considering budget setting across the MTFP(9) period;
- (g) noted the changes to the Discretionary Rate Relief scheme(s) outlined in the report and approve the updated Policy.

## **Capital Self-Financing Request – Buy to Lease Project**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought agreement to the capital request an arrangements for a buy and / or lease residential project for people in housing need in County Durham.

A request was submitted as part of the Council's MTFP 9 capital bidding process to purchase and lease properties to enable alternative provision for people who require housing support but are unable to access social housing due to their particular circumstances.

The proposal is to either purchase empty properties within Durham or refurbish properties currently owned by Durham County Council (DCC) to be used to fulfil Durham County Council's (DCC) statutory duty to those that are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who require support to sustain a tenancy.

The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 has placed new legal duties on local authorities so that everyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness will have access to meaningful help, irrespective of their priority need status, as long as they are eligible for assistance.

Both social and private landlords (LLs) are becoming more risk averse to housing those people who have the most complex needs. This together with the lack of appropriately sized accommodation is adding to the pressures of finding accommodation for those to whom we owe a duty.

This capital request is for a sum of £500,000 to purchase and/or refurbish and bring into use empty properties. It is intended to purchase the first 10 properties within Durham as a pilot with a further bid following should the initial pilot be successful.

A framework of providers will be put in place to lease these properties and provide a housing management function which reduces the requirement for the Council to manage the properties on a day to day basis. This framework will generate a small revenue income to DCC to be recycled into the project.

It is assumed that the average cost of purchasing, refurbishing and bringing into use an empty property is £50,000, which would allow ten properties to be brought into the scheme. The annual financing charge associated with each property is £3,034 assuming a 25 year period repayment period at an interest rate of 3.5%.

For each property, the revenue income to be generated must as a minimum, cover at least the financing charge and leave a surplus to cover any other revenue costs of managing the project. The income assumed from leasing properties to a management provider is £400 per month or £4,800 per year based on the average local housing allowance for 1 to 3 bed properties covering the Durham, Sunderland and Darlington areas.

A surplus of £1,766 is made on average after deducting the financing charge and assuming no other costs are taken into account. The following table summarises the position for an individual property and also assuming ten properties are brought into the scheme:

Initial discussions have taken place with various teams within DCC which this project will affect namely legal, assets, direct services and procurement. As long as the numbers remain low at any one time all teams will manage within current resources.

Key partners such as the Police and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) teams will be involved in the decisions as to where to purchase properties and where households are housed, to reduce any impact on communities.

The project was presented to a selection of staff from Children's and Adult services who are keen to explore the use of such accommodation to fulfil their statutory duty and reduce current expenditure.

## **Decision**

The Cabinet agreed to:

- a) Support the allocation of £500,000 capital funding
- b) Receive further progress reports.

## **Review of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which sought approval to undertake a public consultation leading to the production of a revised version of the policy statement to be recommended for adoption by Council.

The current Statement of Licensing Policy expires in October 2019. In order for the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations under the Act it is necessary to adopt a new policy before that date.

In reviewing the Statement of Licensing Policy, the Council should widely consult on its content and give due consideration to any comments received as part of the consultation process. The report proposed that between Monday 11 February and Friday 3 May 2019 the current Statement of Licensing Policy will be subject to a 12 week consultation.

The policy revision will be widely advertised in the local and regional press and it will also appear on the Council's website where email responses will be invited.

A further report will be presented to the Statutory Licensing Committee on completion of the consultation exercise.

### **Decision**

The Cabinet agreed that the current Statement of Licensing Policy be consulted upon for a 12-week period and that the Statutory Licensing Committee be asked to consider the results of that consultation and give their comments and recommendations to Full Council for approval by 30 October 2019.

**The Cabinet resolved to exclude the press and public by virtue of paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 during discussions on agenda item 17.**

## **Land Release Fund – Self Build Programme**

### **Summary**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services which outlined the proposed approach to maximise delivery through the Land Release Grant.

### **Decision**

The recommendations in the report were approved.

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18 January 2019