



REPORT of OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

to
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
23 MARCH 2022

REVIEW OF RECENT SCRUTINY REQUESTS BY MEMBERS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee on a recent Working Group meeting and recommend a course of action on a further Member request for a scrutiny item.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee reviews the scrutiny request form attached as **APPENDIX A** and approves the recommended course of action suggested by the Working Group as summarised in section 3.2 below.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Working Group met on 2 March 2022 to review a fresh Member scrutiny request in relation to the current inability to provide a five-year housing land supply.
- 3.2 A pro-forma for the new requested item together with brief Officer comments by way of background explanation and context is set out in **APPENDIX A** to this report, and the Committee is asked to adopt the approach recommended, which is that the following should be explored in greater detail -
- i) A clearer understanding of what has led to the present position, and why this issue was not identified and reported earlier;
 - ii) What is proposed to resolve the present difficulty, and,
 - iii) What impact this has on the Local Development Plan and the impending Review.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 In line with the agreed process for review of possible Overview and Scrutiny workplan items, the feedback and recommendations from the recent Working Group meeting are presented for the Committee's consideration at **APPENDIX A**.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 Robust overview and scrutiny work and learning from what comes out of it contributes to the performance and value theme of the Corporate Plan.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The concerns raised through this scrutiny request include the potential speculative development to be approved on sites not allocated for new housing in the Local Development Plan.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Items outlined in **APPENDIX A** are linked to Corporate Risk.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – None.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None.

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