

Conclusions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group following its special workshop session on 13 November 2025

The updated Local Housing Needs Assessment has now been published, and Technical Guidance has been prepared as to how Policy H2 will be applied based on the findings of that Assessment. The Guidance will be published shortly.

The Working Group while recognising that the affordability of housing issues and the need for more smaller households to be delivered in the District is an issue for the Council, was satisfied that the proposed approach, which has been backed by Working Group and Officer processes, should be the basis for this matter to be taken forward.

Recommendation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

That this matter should not be added to the scrutiny workplan but that the Committee review implementation of the new approach in six months based on the monitoring year to the end of next March and having regard to the housing mix within the permissions granted.