

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure**

**Decision No:  
D170077MEM**

**Date: 05 December 2017**

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places - Consultation Response**

**(Report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)**

**The report sought endorsement of a response to a Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) consultation which had been submitted by the 9 November deadline. Details were given of the 19 questions on which views had been invited together with the full response to each.**

**The proposals raised a number of concerns, particularly in relation to the approach to calculating housing needs and questions were raised regarding the sustainability of the targets, delivery of affordability and consistency of approach across the country. It was noted that the consultation introduced delay and uncertainty to the Local Plan process. In view of the importance and high profile of this subject, the response to the consultation had been sent to all Members and a presentation made to the recent meeting of the Parish Partnership Panel. It was requested that an attempt be made to quantify the additional work involved in re-examining the evidence base as a result of the proposals for transmission to the DCLG.**

**Following consideration by the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure resolved that:**

**The comments set out at Annex 1 to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the consultation together with a quantification of the additional work involved.**

**Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 5 December 2017.**

Signed Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure H Rogers

Signed Leader: N Heslop

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

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D170078MEM**

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**Local Plan: Duty to Co-operate**

**(Report of Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health)**

**The report sought endorsement of a response to a recent Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan consultation required by Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations. Reference was made to the different approaches to addressing unmet housing need in terms of releases of Green Belt land, together with implications of the Government's proposals on standardised methodology. An update was also given on other matters relating to the Duty to Co-operate including the introduction of Statements of Common Ground.**

Following consideration by the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure resolved that:

The contents of the report be noted and the response set out at Annex 1 thereto be endorsed.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Planning and Transportation Advisory Board of 5 December 2017.

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