

CABINET

9 OCTOBER 2020

REFERENCE REPORT FROM PLANNING POLICY & LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE

A.1 THE PLANNING WHITE PAPER – ‘PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE’

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Cabinet to consider the recommendations submitted by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee in respect of the Government's White Paper entitled 'Planning for the Future' and to formally agree the Council's response to the Government, for submission by the consultation deadline of 29th October 2020.

BACKGROUND

On 30th September 2020, the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee gave consideration to a comprehensive report (and appendices) of the Corporate Director: Place and Economy which outlined proposals in the Government's consultation on the White Paper 'Planning for the Future' and sought consideration, comment on and agreement on a draft responses for recommendation to Cabinet.

Having considered and discussed the contents of the Corporate Director's comprehensive report and appendices, the Committee decided to recommend that the agreed draft response be forwarded to Cabinet for its approval as the Council's response to the questions within the Government's White Paper.

Members of the Committee did however ask if a small number of additional points could be incorporated into the response, namely around the need to conserve the natural environment and potential risks associated with borrowing against anticipated Infrastructure Levy receipts. The Chairman of the Planning Policy Committee and the Assistant Director for Strategic Planning and Place aim to agree some additions to the wording of the draft response which will be forwarded to the Cabinet for its consideration as early as possible ahead of its meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet, having considered the recommendations submitted by the Planning Policy and Local Plan Committee and any subsequent suggested additions, agrees the Council's response to the Government's White Paper 'Planning for the Future'.

APPENDICES

Report of the Corporate Director: Place and Economy considered by the Planning Policy & Local Plan Committee on 30th September 2020.

Appendices to that report namely:-

Appendix 1 – Planning White Paper – Planning for the Future

Appendix 2 – Draft Response to the consultation questions within Planning for the Future

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.