

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 7 January 2016

Wards: All

Agenda Item:

Subject: Executive Response and Action Plan – Housing supply in Merton (with a focus on affordable housing)

Lead officer: Simon Williams, Director of Community & Housing; Chris Lee, Director for Environment and Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Nick Draper, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture; Councillor Andrew Judge, Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

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Recommendations:

- A. Members consider the Executive Response and accompanying action plan detailing progress on the implementation of the agreed recommendations of the Housing Supply in Merton (with a focus on affordable housing) scrutiny task group review.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to set out the Executive Response and Action Plan to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel to demonstrate how the agreed recommendations of the Housing Supply in Merton are progressing.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. At their meeting on 14 September 2015, Cabinet considered the final report and recommendations resulting from the task group review of Housing Supply in Merton. Officers have since been tasked with delivering the agreed recommendations.

Progress on agreed recommendations

- 2.2 Appendix A to this report sets out the Task Group's recommendations, status and progress on each issue. This includes how any agreed recommendations yet to be delivered will be implemented in the future.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. In carrying out its review, the task group engaged a range of stakeholders, council officers and Cabinet Members.
- 4.2. Wider engagement with community stakeholders, Registered Providers active in Merton and neighbouring local authorities took place during the scrutiny task group review

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. The action plan for the housing supply in Merton task group review (Appendix A) set out the timescales for delivery of the recommendations.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Appendix A: Action Plan and progress to date on the agreed recommendations resulting from the Task Group review of housing supply in Merton.
- Appendix B: Report of the Housing Supply Task Group September 2015

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. Report of the Housing Supply Task Group September 2015