



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

TOPIC - WINCHESTER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the City Secretary and Solicitor, the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

Enabling affordable housing is amongst the Council's key priorities. One of the principal ways of ways of doing this is through the application of Local Plan Policy H5 which requires, on suitable sites, a proportion of housing to be set aside as affordable housing. This is achieved through negotiation with land owners and developers.

In 2006 the Council adopted its Affordable Housing Development Guide (AHDG) that sets out in detail how Policy H5 will be implemented. In order to increase the weight that can be attached to the guidance as a material planning consideration it is necessary to develop it into a formal Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The intention to produce an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is included within the Local Development Scheme 2007 that was approved by Cabinet (17 January 2007, report CAB 1389 refers) for submission to the Government Office for the South East. At its February 2007 meeting Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee endorsed the approach to be taken for production of the SPD (CAB1399LDF).

A draft document has now been prepared that will be published for consultation in May 2007.

The proposal has been discussed with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities and meets with his approval.

The SPD will support the Corporate Strategy Objectives of *Economic Prosperity; High Quality Environment; Safe and Strong Communities and Efficient and Effective Council*.

DECISION

That the draft SPD be published for consultation.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

See summary

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

N/A

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Keith Wood – Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport