

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	20 JANUARY 2021	9
ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEED – GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO STANDARD METHODOLOGY CONSULTATION			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 6 August 2020, the government published 'Changes to the current planning system' a consultation paper that set out four policy proposals to improve the effectiveness of the current system.

Having considered the representations made regarding the proposed 'new' standard method used to calculate housing need, the government has decided that the most appropriate approach is to retain the standard method in its current existing form.

However, in order to deliver more homes on brownfield land a 35 per cent uplift will be applied to the post-cap number generated by the existing standard method to Greater London and to the local authorities which contain the largest proportion of the other 19 most populated cities and urban centres in England (i.e. London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Bristol, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds, Leicester, Coventry, Bradford, Nottingham, Kingston upon Hull, Newcastle upon Tyne, Stoke-on-Trent, Southampton, Plymouth, Derby, Reading, Wolverhampton, and Brighton and Hove).

The Planning Practice Guidance was updated on 16 December 2020 to reflect these changes.

The partial review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 has been submitted having regard to the existing standard methodology and so will not be affected by this announcement.

To date, there has been no announcement regarding the other proposed policy changes or to the wider planning reforms set out in the white paper.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

LINK TO INFORMATION

The full response to the consultation can be viewed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system/outcome/government-response-to-the-local-housing-need-proposals-in-changes-to-the-current-planning-system>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To ensure members are aware of changes in planning policy and guidance and the potential implications of such changes on development plan and local housing supply.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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