

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	16 SEPTEMBER 2020	7

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE WHITE PAPER AUGUST 2020

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Planning for the Future, a White Paper was published for consultation by the Government on the 6th August 2020. The consultation runs for 12 weeks until 29th October 2020.

The White Paper proposes reform of the planning system to streamline and modernise the planning process, bringing a new focus to design and sustainability, improving the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensuring more land is available for development where it is needed.

Although responses to consultations are normally considered under authority delegated to the Director of Development Services, given the significance of this particular consultation, it is proposed that the Council's draft response will be presented to a Special Planning Committee for consideration in October.

It should be noted that the proposals for changes to the planning system are likely to alter as a result of the current consultation and it is likely to take until the end of 2021 at the earliest for any changes to the current planning system to be incorporated into planning law.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-housing-communities-and-local-government

LINK TO INFORMATION

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To inform members of this consultation on proposed changes to the planning system.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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