



INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	PLANNING COMMITTEE	3 JUNE 2020	10
FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY: ANNUAL POSITION STATEMENT			

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

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Council submitted its Draft Annual Position Statement (APS) to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 31st July 2019. A report from PINS was received on 15th January 2020. The Council challenged this report by seeking judicial review in the High Court, as the Council considered PINS had acted unlawfully by replacing the housing requirement used by the Council based on the "Liverpool" method for addressing earlier shortfall in housing delivery, as set out in the Local Plan, with a higher requirement based on the use of the "Sedgefield" method.

Following consideration of the material submitted by the Council, the Government's legal department agreed to raise a court order quashing the report of 15th January. The Court Order was made on 1st April. The Court Order includes payment of costs to the Council.

Following the quashing of the January report, PINS have reconsidered the Draft APS and produced a replacement report on 6th May 2020. It confirms that the "Liverpool" method should be used and that the Council has 5.1 years' supply of housing land. The findings of the revised report have been incorporated into a final APS for base date 1st April 2019. Links below are provided to the Court Order, replacement report and final APS.

Work has commenced on a Draft APS for base date 1st April 2020.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Website: <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/resident/planning/planning-policy-local-plan/five-year-housing-land-supply/>

LINK TO INFORMATION

<https://new.fylde.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Sealed-Court-Order-quashing-Report.pdf>

<https://new.fylde.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Fylde-APS-Report-Reconsideration-6-May-20.pdf>

<https://new.fylde.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Fylde-Council-APS-base-date-1st-April-2019-final-May-2020.pdf>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

The confirmed APS means that the Council has a confirmed 5-year housing land supply, for the purposes of decision-taking, until 31st October 2020.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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