

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning Economic Development and Regeneration, with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities**

held on Monday, 10th February, 2014 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Stockton (Chairman)
Councillor D Brown

Councillors in attendance: -

Councillors P Groves and L Smetham

Officers in attendance: -

Adrian Fisher (Head of Strategic and Economic Planning)
Julie Zientek (Democratic Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

No members of the public wished to speak.

4 CHESHIRE EAST HOUSING LAND SUPPLY POSITION STATEMENT 31 DECEMBER 2013

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Strategic and Economic Planning. He reported that several recent planning appeal decisions had questioned the Council's lack of a demonstrable five year supply of housing land in accordance with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). In order to meet the requirement in national planning guidance, a *Housing Land Supply - Position Statement* was prepared for Cheshire East with a base date of the 31st December, 2013. The Position Statement illustrated that, as of the 31st December, 2013, Cheshire East was able to demonstrate the availability of a 5.87 years supply of housing land using the 'Sedgefield' methodology with a 5% 'buffer' and 5.14 years supply with a 20% 'buffer'.

In order to meet the requirements in national planning guidance, it was important that the Council maintained an up-to-date position on its 5-year

housing land supply. The ongoing monitoring of housing land supply would also inform the emerging *Local Plan Strategy-Submission Version*, due to be presented to a meeting of the Strategic Planning Board on 26th February, 2014 prior to being considered by Full Council on 27th February, 2014.

The Head of Strategic and Economic Planning brought the position up to date by reporting that, at its meeting on 5 February 2014, the Strategic Planning Board had considered and approved the recommendations now being made.

In addition he circulated a table of minor amendments and changes, some of which had been reported to the Strategic Planning Board whilst others had come to light since; they did not, however make a difference to the overall conclusions.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the *Cheshire East Housing Land Supply-Position Statement (31st December, 2013)* as attached as Appendix 1 to the report, subject to the amendments tabled at the meeting.
2. That approval be given for the *Housing Land Supply - Position Statement* to be given due weight in the determination of planning applications.
3. That approval be given for the *Housing Land Supply - Position Statement* to provide a basis for the emerging *Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy* and the updated *Strategic Housing Land Availability Statement (SHLAA) - 2014*.

The meeting commenced at 12.30 pm and concluded at 12.40 pm

Councillor (none)