

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Joint decision of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning Economic Development and Regeneration, with the Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

Date: 10 February 2014

Decision in the matter of: Cheshire East Housing Land Supply Position Statement 31 December 2013

Decision:

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*.

Background: Several recent planning appeal decisions have 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* has been prepared for Cheshire East with a base date of the 31st December, 2013. The Position Statement illustrates 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 is important that the Council maintains an up-to-date position on its 5-year housing land supply. The ongoing monitoring of housing land supply should also inform the emerging *Local Plan Strategy-Submission Version*, due to be presented to a meeting of the

Strategic Planning Board on the 26th February, 2014 prior to being considered by Full Council on the 27th February, 2014.

The Strategic Planning Board considered the matter at its meeting on 5 February, 2014 and approved the recommendations being made.

Background Documents:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

Approved:

Signed
Councillor D Stockton (Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration)

Signed
Councillor David Brown (Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities)

Date: 10 February 2014

Advising Officer:

Signed
Adrian Fisher (Head of Strategic and Economic Planning)