

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013. The Position Statement illustrated that, as of the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 prior to being considered by Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (31<sup>st</sup> 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)