

## **COUNCIL – 16 July 2025**

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **Submitted to Council in Accordance with the Council Procedural Rules**

#### **1 Housing Target**

#### **Proposed by Councillor S Gardiner and Seconded by Councillor S Edgar**

This Council notes:

- 1.1 That there is a national need to provide additional housing to meet the needs of the expanding population.
- 1.2 The changes to the National Planning Policy Framework introduced by the Labour government have significantly increased the housing targets for Cheshire East from 977 dwellings per annum (dpa) to 2461 dpa, an uplift of over 250%.
- 1.3 The scale of the increased housing targets is such that the Council's Land Supply has fallen well below that required to meet the revised 5-year requirement.
- 1.4 This increase should be seen against a backdrop of house-building targets in other areas of the country, which have performed less well than Cheshire Council, are being reduced.

This Council believes:

- 2.1 The scale of the increase in housing targets, without allowing Councils like ours a reasonable time to adjust to the new target, undermines the policies set out in existing Local and Neighbourhood Plans. Notwithstanding the existential threat to Neighbourhood Plans owing to the proposed changes to how they are funded.
- 2.2 The fact that this Council now has a less than 5-year housing land supply enables developers to once again, submit speculative applications, outside of existing settlement boundaries, even within the Green Belt, otherwise than in accordance with existing Local & Neighbourhood plans with an expectation that those applications will be approved, if necessary, on appeal.
- 2.3 As a consequence of the Council no longer having a 5-year land supply, Communities are being deprived of the opportunity to help shape the future of their neighbourhoods.

This Council resolves to:

- 3.1 Ask the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council to write jointly to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government to firstly seek a reduction in the Housing Target and also to request the creation of a reasonable period of grace within which any shortfall in

the Council's land supply may be set aside allowing the full weight of existing Local or Neighbourhood Plans to be applied.

## **2 National Cadet Forces Day**

### **Proposed by Cllr Anthony Harrison and Seconded by Cllr Nicola Cook**

That this Council supports the national campaign to introduce a national 'Cadet Forces Day' on the Tuesday of Armed Forces week and proposes that Cheshire East Councils Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Conservative Group sign a joint letter of support for the campaign to the Armed Forces Minister, Luke Pollard MP.

#### **Background**

Cadet Forces around the UK are voluntary youth organisations (aged 12-18 years old) sponsored by the Ministry of Defence to develop leadership, teamwork principles and other valuable life skills within a military environment.

The five main cadet forces include: the Sea Cadets, Volunteer Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force, RAF Air Cadets (formally the Air Training Corps) and the Combined Cadet Force. All provide a structured and supportive environment for young people to learn, grow, and develop valuable skills, while also fostering a sense of community and citizenship.

In May 2025, Cheshire East Council Armed Forces Member Champion, Cllr Anthony Harrison launched a campaign for the Defence Department and the Armed Forces Minister, Luke Pollard MP to create a national 'Cadet Forces Day' to be celebrated each year on the Tuesday of Armed Forces week.

As many Councillors will be aware, the Monday of Armed Forces week kick starts events with Armed Forces Flags being raised above public buildings across the UK, Wednesday is national 'Reserves Day' with National 'PTSD Awareness Day' falling on the Friday and 'Armed Forces Day' itself being celebrated on the last Saturday in June.

A national 'Cadet Forces Day' would provide a specific day to promote the work and achievements of our cadet units and volunteers. It would assist with recruitment to meet the governments new cadet force targets and allow for a specific day of engagement with cadet units and award their successes.

Whilst the majority of cadets don't go on to serve in one of the three Tri-services later in life, the key skills and core values gained by individuals provide an invaluable contribution to society deserving of celebration. This Notice of Motion will demonstrate the importance and value Cheshire East Council holds for its Cadet Forces and that as a council we continue to be pioneers in recognising the fantastic contributions of all elements of our Armed Forces Community.

**Proposed Event Format**

A national Cadet Forces day would provide an opportunity for individual cadet units and the cadet engagement teams to present to their fellow school students at morning school assemblies, outlining life as a cadet, the key skills and experiences cadets gain from their service and how to join. It would also provide an opportunity for those already serving to wear their uniforms to school and culminate with unit open evenings, either on the Tuesday evening or at their next parade night within Armed Forces week. Permitting units to open their doors to key community stakeholders to help understand their local cadet units and how they can work well together and for units to showcase the work they do to potential new recruits and the parents of currently serving cadets.