

Report to the Executive Leader

Portfolio: Executive Leader

Subject: Attendance at 'The Future of Housing Supply 2017'

Conference

Report of: Director of Planning and Regulation

Strategy/Policy: Local Plan/Housing Strategy Balanced Housing Market

Purpose: This report seeks approval for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend 'The Future of Housing Supply 2017' Conference being held at the Congress Centre, London on 30 March 2017.

Executive summary:

In 2017 the government has already announced 30 new local authority partnerships to develop brownfield sites for Starter Homes and has set out plans for the development of 14 new garden villages and 3 garden towns with the capacity to create 200,000 new homes.

In total the government has unlocked £7 billion for affordable housing delivery, including £1.4 billion of funding for 40,000 new affordable homes announced in the 2016 Autumn Statement and the Home and Communities Agency's £4.6 billion Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Grants Programme.

With this in mind, Inside Government is bringing together heads of planning and strategy from across the housing sector and local government to, 'The Future of Housing Supply 2017', and interactive strategy forum.

Recommendation:

That approval is given for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to attend 'The Future of Housing Supply 2017' Conference taking place on 30 March 2017 at the Congress Centre, London.

Reason:

This conference will provide an opportunity for the Executive Member for Planning and Development to take part in an interactive forum with other Local Authorities on housing delivery for 2017 to meet the government plans for development of new homes.

Cost of Proposals:

Attendance at this conference would be £385.00, plus travel and any other appropriate subsistence costs. The costs can be met from within existing budgets.

Risk Assessment:

There are no significant risks in relation to the Executive Member for Planning and Development attending 'The Future of Housing Supply 2017' Conference, which is taking place on 30 March 2017, at the Congress Centre, London.