

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date **31 January 2024**

Report of: **Director of Planning and Regeneration**

Subject: **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

SUMMARY

The Council, as a planning authority, has an adopted Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which assists planning applicants in understanding the Council's expectations and planning application requirements with regards to affordable housing provision in the borough.

The current SPD was adopted in 2005 and provides guidance relating to the relevant policies contained in the Council's Local Development Scheme which was in place at the time of adoption. Following the adoption of the Fareham Local Plan 2037 in April 2023, the Council have been working to produce a new Affordable Housing SPD which sets out the current policy context, including the new affordable housing policy, provides guidance on how the policy should be applied and highlights the implications of the wider plan which should also be considered when providing affordable housing, such as design, exception sites and specialist housing.

The Planning Strategy Team and the Housing Team have worked closely together in preparing the draft SPD to ensure it provides the information needed to guide applicants through the planning process to secure affordable housing provision which meets the needs of borough residents.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the contents of the Executive Report; and
- b) consider and pass any comments to the Executive for consideration at their meeting on the 05 February 2024.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Executive Report – Affordable Housing SPD

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