

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date **30 March 2023**

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

Subject: **BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

SUMMARY

Biodiversity Net Gain is a new approach to planning whereby the post-development site should have at least 10% more biodiversity than pre-development. The emerging Local Plan 2037 contains a policy requiring BNG on new dwellings and new residential/leisure buildings. As the emerging Local Plan is anticipated to be adopted shortly, a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared to provide guidance to applicants seeking planning permission.

The draft SPD guides applicants on what they need to prepare alongside their submission of planning applicant, as well as guidance on options if BNG cannot be provide on-site.

Executive approval is to be sought to consult on the SPD.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and
- b) pass any comments/recommendations to the Executive to consider at their meeting on the 04 April 2023.

Enquiries:

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