



**Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny  
Committee**  
3 July 2018

**Report from the Director of  
Performance Policy & Partnerships**

**Affordable Housing in New Developments Task Group –  
Update and Terms of Reference**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	1
<b>Background Papers:</b>	N/A
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## **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the task group examining affordable housing in new developments.

## **2.0 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 The Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is recommended to endorse the revised Terms of Reference at Appendix 1 for the “Affordable Housing in New Developments Task Group” (formerly the “Viability Assessments Task Group”).

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 A task group was created towards the end of the last municipal year to examine Financial Viability Assessments (FVAs) and explore concerns regarding their impact on the delivery of affordable housing in the borough. The task group was chaired by Councillor George Crane.
- 3.2 Progress of the committee was interrupted by purdah and the election cycle, but its initial work suggested that, firstly, the national and regional planning policy landscape was shifting considerably, and secondly, that it would be

beneficial to investigate a wider range of issues impacting affordable housing delivery.

- 3.3 Following consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration, Highways, Planning, it was considered appropriate to broaden the scope of the task group's work from the narrow focus on the technical issue of Financial Viability Assessments.
- 3.4 Following the 2018 council AGM, Cllr Crane is no longer a member of this committee. It was also therefore decided to re-form the Task Group, with a new Chair and new membership, to continue the work with a broader remit, reporting back to the committee later in 2018.
- 3.5 The new task group's membership has yet to be finalised, but Councillor Neil Nerva has been appointed as Chair and Councillor Robert Johnson as Vice-Chair.
- 3.6 Revised Terms of Reference have subsequently been drafted and are attached to this report for consideration by the committee.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

#### **6.0 Equality Implications**

- 6.1 There are no equality implications of this report.

#### **Report sign off:**

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