



**Cabinet**  
14 October 2019

**Report from Assistant Chief Executive**

**Affordable Housing in New Developments – Task Group**

<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision:</b>	Non-key
<b>Open or Part/Fully Exempt:</b> <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
<b>No. of Appendices:</b>	None
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 This report sets out the findings and recommendations of the Affordable Housing Task Group, which was presented to Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 Cabinet is asked to:

- a. Note the Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee’s endorsement of the report, and its recommendations
- b. Note and consider the committee’s additional proposal: that plans for new housing developments take into account the known needs of people with disabilities awaiting housing provision.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 The task group sought to gain an understanding of the barriers and solutions to affordable housing delivery during an acute housing crisis, following decades of declining delivery of genuinely affordable housing in the borough, across London and nationwide.

3.2 The group examined the forces impacting on the delivery of affordable housing in new developments, and considered the best options for consolidating and, where possible, improving on delivery in the future.

3.2 18 recommendations were made to provide the council and its partners with clear direction as to how to maximise opportunities for affordable housing. These are set out in the main report.

3.4 The task group presented its report to Resources & Public Realm Scrutiny Committee in January 2019.

#### **4.0 Legal implications**

4.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from the report.

#### **5.0 Financial implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from the report

#### **6.0 Equality implications**

6.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from the report

**Report sign off:**

**Peter Gadsdon**

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