

Record of Decision taken by Executive Councillor

Decision title: Consultation response to the Government's proposals to reform of the planning system in England.

Executive Councillor making the decision: Councillor Mike Rigby

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Date of Decision: 8th October 2020

Details of decision:

The government are seeking views on a package of proposals to reform of the planning system in England.

The document **Changes to the current planning system is available** at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907215/200805_Changes_to_the_current_planning_system_FINAL_version.pdf

Consultation ends on the 1st October 2020.

The **Planning White Paper** is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future/planning-for-the-future>). Consultation on this document ends on the 29th October 2020.

SWT will need to prepare and submit a formal response to the questions asked in these documents. The proposed responses are enclosed as Appendix A and B.

Reasons for proposed decision:

This matter is the responsibility of Councillor Mike Rigby: as Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation.

The purpose of this decision is to give delegated authority to agree the SWT response to the government consultations on changes to the planning system (as outlined above).

Alternative funding options sourced:

n/a

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	n/a. In their role on advising on planning	24/9/2020

	policy matters, the Local Plan Member Steering Group contributed to the attached responses.	
The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.		
Finance implications	In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.	
Legal implications	In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.	
Links to corporate aims	<p>The SWT response has links to delivering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Statutory Local Plan to 2040. • Development management / planning application processes. • Delivery of Corporate Strategy themes - in particular: <p><i>“A low-carbon, clean, green and prosperous district that attracts high quality employment opportunities and encourages healthy lifestyles”</i></p> <p><i>“A district which offers a choice of good quality homes for our residents, whatever their age and income, in communities where support is available for those who need it”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWT Climate Change Motion / declaration. 	
Climate and Sustainability implications	In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.	
Community Safety Implications	In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.	
Equalities Impact	None at this stage.	
Safeguarding Implications		
Risk management	<p>In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.</p> <p>Currently we don't know what the government's radically reformed planning system will look like.</p>	

	If the proposals are implemented in full, they will have a significant impact on the production of the Local Plan to 2040 and the way public services on planning are delivered for years to come.	
Partnership implications	In responding to this consultation, none at this stage.	

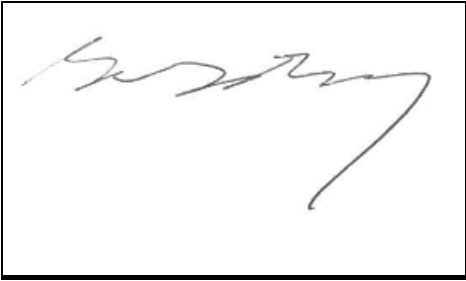
Any conflicts of interest declared by Leader or Executive Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Chief Executive to grant dispensation for the Leader's / Executive Member's views to be considered.

None

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



Name: Councillor Mike Rigby

Date: 8th October 2020

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by Executive Councillors. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication and the period for any call-in has expired.

Note: A copy should also be sent to the Governance Team – governance@somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk