

Policy and Resources Committee	
Meeting Date	11 September 2024
Report Title	Local Plan Review – Housing Historic Delivery & Local Plan Review Housing Targets
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
SMT Lead	Joanne Johnson Head of Place
Lead Officer	Stuart Watson Project Manager (Policy)
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Policy and Resources Committee are recommended by the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group to recommend to Full Council that the Local Plan housing target as set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the PTPWG report on Housing Historic Delivery and Local Plan Review Housing Targets, including the 5% buffer for consultation and examination resilience, and along with the extra 336 dwellings set out in the current NPPF consultation is taken forward for consultation in the Local Plan Review Regulation 18. 2. Members of the Policy and Resources committee are recommended by the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group to recommend to Full Council that the proposed growth within the draft Plan Regulation 18 consultation of 8,326 dwellings, including the review of the remaining Local Plan Bearing Fruits (1,703 dwellings), as well as the balance housing need (6,287 dwellings), and additional units to allow for the proposed new NPPF housing target (336 dwellings) be taken forward for consultation in the Local Plan Review Regulation 18, with these figures delegated to be amended by the Head of Place, in consultation with the Committee Chair, solely in line with additional planning permissions granted, new dwellings completed and any evidence which concludes previously granted or allocated sites are no longer deliverable.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek recommendation to Full Council of the proposed housing target as reported to the Planning and Transportation Policy Working Group (PTPW) on 8th August 2024. The PTPWG report is provided at

Appendix I. The draft minutes of the 8th August PTPWG meeting are provided in Appendix II.

2 Background

- 2.1 The discussion at PTPWG involved the discussion of two matters: Historic housing delivery, and Local Plan Review housing targets.
- 2.2 The historic housing delivery information was noted, with the focus of the debate on the Local Plan Review housing targets. The draft minutes of the meeting provided at Appendix II provide a commentary of the debate.
- 2.3 It should be noted that between the PTPWG papers being issued, and the meeting taking place on 8th August, the consultation on the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was published, along with draft new housing targets for all authorities.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 On 8th August 2024, PTPWG resolved:
 - 1 That the Local Plan housing target as set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the [PTPWG] report, including the 5% buffer for consultation and examination resilience for the draft Plan Regulation 18 Plan consultation, be recommended to Policy and Resources Committee, along with the extra 336 dwellings set out in the current NPPF consultation;
 - 2 That the proposed growth within the draft Plan Regulation 18 consultation be 8,326 dwellings, including the review of the remaining Local Plan Bearing Fruits (1,703 dwellings), as well as the balance housing need (6,287 dwellings), and the additional units subject to the amended wording as minuted (336 dwellings).

4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1 No alternatives were put forward with regard to historic housing delivery, as that is a presentation of factual, historic information.
- 4.2 Officers outlined in their report that there are limited options for alternative housing targets. Pursuing a lower housing target is unlikely to result in a Local Plan proceeding successfully through examination.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the figures in resolution 2 will fluctuate over time as additional planning permissions are granted, new dwellings are completed, and new information comes forward on sites which demonstrates them to no longer be deliverable.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Consultation is proposed for the Local Plan Regulation 18 to take place from November 2024, which would include the housing target discussed if the recommendation is taken forward.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The proposals in the report align with the following Corporate Plan action: A Local Plan with local needs and capacity at its heart.
Financial, Resource and Property	This report will have no specific budgetary implications.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	Preparation of a Local Plan is carried out under a national legislative and regulatory framework.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The Local Plan will be supported by its own Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment at each key stage in decision making.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix I Local Plan Review Housing Historic Delivery and Local Plan Review housing targets discussion PTPWG 8th August.
- 7.2 Appendix II Draft Minutes PTPWG 8th August.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None.

