

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting held: 25th April 2017

Present: Councillor Mike Tebbutt (Chair)
Councillors Linda Adams, Ian Jelley, Mark Rowley and
Margaret Talbot

16.PP.36 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cedwien Brown, Ash Davies and Jan Smith

16.PP.37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**16.PP.38 HOUSING WHITE PAPER 2017 (INCLUDING
CONSULTATION)**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the contents of the Housing White Paper (chapters 1 and 2), and to agree comments for submission from Kettering Borough Council to the Housing White Paper consultation.

Members heard The Housing White Paper was published in February 2017 together with a consultation on chapters 1 and 2 of the paper, which closed on 2nd May 2017. Chapters 3 and 4 of the HWP were not being consulted on, other than a small element of chapter 3 relating to '*planning and affordable housing for build to rent*' which was currently being consulted on simultaneously. Housing Services were leading on that separate consultation.

A recommended response to the consultation questions (38 in total) was included in the report. Member endorsement of the recommended responses to the Housing White Paper consultation was therefore being sought at this meeting, so that formal comment could be submitted on behalf of Kettering Borough Council.

Members went through each question and Council's response and the following points were highlighted to be included:

Question 4

- Need to amend in line with JPU response.
- Brownfield Register – what makes a suitable site.
- Clear definition of brownfield.

Question 32

- A discretionary policy could be considered
- A 10% minimum would be more suitable

Question 15

- Include retention of nationally described space standards (NDSS).

Members felt it would be advantageous to get sight of the Joint Planning Committee's response prior to their response being issued.

The Chair of the Committee waived the right to seek delegated powers to sign off final amendments.

Councillor Jelley proposed and Councillor Rowley seconded and it was

RESOLVED

that Members noted the main contents of the Housing White Paper and endorse the recommended comments to the public consultation attached at Appendix 1 of the report, along with the above comments, for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government as the formal response for Kettering Borough Council

(The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.50 pm)

Signed
Chair

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