

**DELEGATED**

**AGENDA NO  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021  
REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF  
FINANCE, DEVELOPMENT &  
BUSINESS SERVICES**

**Local Plan: Housing Supply Assessment (2021 – 2026)**

**SUMMARY**

This report provides members with an update on the level of housing supply in the Borough based on the 5 years starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (2021 – 2026).

**RECOMMENDATION**

Members are recommended to note the contents of this report

**BACKGROUND**

This report provides members with an update on housing supply and delivery in the Borough. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is clear that the implications of not being able to demonstrate a five-year housing supply or pass the housing delivery test are that the NPPF 'Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development' will apply to planning applications.

The Council adopted the current Local Plan on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, following an independent examination which identified that the Local Plan was a 'sound' document.

The NPPF requires Council's to update the five-year supply annually with updates published since the Local Plan was adopted. Appendix A of this report includes a further assessment which covers the period 2021 – 2026 and identifies 5.25 years of housing supply.

The report also identifies the housing delivery position in recent years. Housing delivery in the 2020/21 period was adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic with a net housing delivery of 582 dwellings, which was 138 dwellings below the 720 dwelling housing requirement for the period.

As delivery prior to April 2020 was greater than the Local Plan housing requirement, overall cumulative housing delivery exceeded the Local Plan housing requirement by +279 dwellings. However, due to national guidance and previous planning decisions the assessment does not use this past over-delivery as a credit against the five-year supply.

Government have not published revised Housing Delivery Test results and no update can be provided at this time.

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**WARD AND WARD COUNCILLORS**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>All wards</b>
<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>All Councillors</b>

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Financial Implications: None**

**Environmental Implications:** All environmental considerations have been addressed in the main body of the report

**Human Rights Implications:** The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

**Community Safety Implications:** The provisions of Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 have been taken into account in the preparation of this report

**Background Papers;** National Planning Policy Framework; Adopted Local Plan; Planning application files.