



Subject:	DfC Housing Supply Strategy – Call for Evidence
Date:	11 August 2021
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Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the DfC Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4 th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note that a draft response to the DfC Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence was submitted to DfC on the 16th July;• Confirm the draft consultation response of the 16th July (as enclosed at Appendix 1) as the Council's final response.

3.0	Main report
3.1	At the CG&R meeting of the 9 th June Members were updated on the emerging DfC work to develop a Housing Supply Strategy as a key part of the housing programme to help meet the Programme for Government commitments to reduce housing stress and increase housing supply.
3.2	<p>The report presented at this Committee meeting highlighted that on the 19th May 2021 the Minister launched a public Call for Evidence to inform this new Housing Supply Strategy. The Committee subsequently recommended that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree that officers develop initial responses to the questions posed in the recent Housing Supply Strategy: Call for Evidence document that has been launched by DfC • Agree that the draft response will subsequently be brought via Party Group Leaders given the closing date of 16 July for responses, with the final response brought back retrospectively to CGR Committee in August.
3.3	Due to other Council commitments the meeting of the Party Leaders Forum did not meet prior to the closing date of 16 th July for responses. As a result, officers circulated an electronic copy of the draft responses to the Call for Evidence to the Members of the Party Group Leaders Forum and the Members of the CG&R Committee on the 2 nd July for review and comment, with a requested return date for all comments of the 8 th July.
3.4	In keeping with the timetable set out by DfC, the draft response was submitted on the 16 th July, as included within Appendix 1 of this report. A cover letter was also forwarded alongside the response to highlight to DfC that the submitted response was to be considered as draft pending a recommendation from the CG&R Committee on 11 th August that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to confirm the draft consultation response as the Council's final response pending Council ratification in September.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft BCC Response to DfC Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence