

Report of the Chief Executive

RESPONSES TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS1. Purpose of Report

To agree the Council's responses to two Government consultations.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the consultation responses in Appendices 1 and 2 are sent to the Government.

3. Detail

The Government is currently consulting on two documents: "Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms" and "Consultation on additional flexibilities to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons". Links to these two documents can be found below.

The former relates to plan-making measures which would be implemented once the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill has been enacted, which is expected to be in the autumn of this year; the latter concerns proposed changes to 'permitted development' rights. The former consultation runs to 18 October, the latter to 25 September. It has therefore been necessary to send responses to the latter consultation on a provisional basis, subject to confirmation or amendment by members.

The consultation involves a series of questions, which are set out in the appendices to this report, together with proposed responses.

Links

[Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill: consultation on implementation of plan-making reforms](#)

[Consultation on additional flexibilities to support housing delivery, the agricultural sector, businesses, high streets and open prisons](#)

4. Financial Implications

The comments of the Head of Finance Services are as follows:

There are no budget implications for the Council at this consultation stage.

5. Legal Implications

The comments of the Head of Legal Services are as follows:

No Comments

6. Human Resources Implications

No comments.

7. Union Comments

No comments.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

No comments.

9. Climate Change Implications

Climate change implications are considered within the report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

11. Background Papers

Nil.