

FINANCE AND BUDGET WORKING GROUP

19 JULY 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance and Budget Working Group has made the following recommendations in relation to item 5 on its agenda - Quarter 4 2023-24 – Performance Monitoring Report:

- 1) *That the Council seek maximum threshold of developer contribution (as set out below) in respect of the rate / proportion of affordable housing delivered for housing developments taking place in the District;*

The thresholds, as per the Council's Local Plan, are:

- *Up to 40% affordable housing (or a higher % if proposed [by a developer]) on greenfield sites or any site accommodating 200 or more dwellings.*
- *Up to 30% affordable housing (or a higher % if proposed [by a developer]) on brownfield sites accommodating less than 200 dwellings.*

- 2) *that the 40 % thresholds referred to above should be extended to any site accommodating below 100 dwellings, to narrow the ever-increasing gap between Market Houses and Affordable;*
- 3) *To ensure that when deadlines are provided in Council reports, these are realistic and are being adhered to;*
- 4) *To clarify why the reported overspend and delays to the Market Hall site Levelling Up Project are not reflected in the narrative for this Quarter 4 2023-24 – Performance Monitoring Report (Appendix A, page 4) and/or why this issue was not known at the time the report was produced.*

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked whether to endorse each of these recommendations in turn for referral to Cabinet.

[If endorsed, these recommendations are due to be considered by Cabinet on 24th July 2024 under agenda item 8 - Quarter 4 Performance Outturn Report]