

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Decision

GREATER CAMBRIDGE HOUSING TRAJECTORY AND FIVE YEAR HOUSING LAND SUPPLY

Decision of: **Councillor Thornburrow**, Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport

Reference: 22/URGENCY/P&T/03

Date of decision: 15 March 2022 **Published on:** 23/03/22

Decision Type: Non Key

- Matter for Decision:**
1. To agree the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report (see Appendix 1) to be published on the Councils' shared planning service website. The Greater Cambridge housing trajectory and five-year housing land supply calculations have been prepared jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council, consistent with the adopted Local Plans.
 2. To delegate any further minor editing changes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they are technical matters.
- Link to Appendix 1 can be found at the following link:
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Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

The Greater Cambridge housing trajectory is used by the Councils to calculate their five-year housing land supply and to demonstrate that anticipated housing delivery will meet or exceed the housing requirements set out in their Local Plans. The housing trajectory and five-year supply calculations are required to be updated annually. The next five-year period starts on 1 April 2022, and therefore calculations for this period (2022-2027) need to be agreed and published before this date.

An alternative option would be to not publish the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report. However, national planning policy and guidance requires that a local planning authority should identify and annually update their five-year supply of specific deliverable housing sites. A new housing trajectory is required to establish the Greater Cambridge five-year housing land supply for the purposes of making planning decisions.

The Executive Councillor's decision(s):

That the Executive Councillor for Planning Policy and Transport agrees:

- a. the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report (see Appendix 1) to be published on the Councils' shared planning service website.

- b. to delegate any further minor editing changes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report to the Joint Director for Planning and Economic Development where they are technical matters.

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Reasons for the decision:

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Scrutiny consideration:

The Chair and Spokesperson of Planning and Transport Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report:

The Greater Cambridge Housing Trajectory and Five-Year Housing Land Supply Report is attached.

Conflicts of interest:

None known.

Comments:

No adverse comments were received from the Chair and Opposition Spokes.