



Babergh and Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committees – Review Scoping Document

<p>Review Topic (name of review)</p>	<p>Five year housing land supply</p>	
<p>Lead members</p>	<p>Councillor Parker and Councillor Whybrow</p>	
<p>Officer Support</p>	<p>Tom Barker (lead officer) + others as appropriate</p>	
<p>Rationale Key issues and reason for the review. Include how it relates to the Joint Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>There is mixed understanding among Councillors and communities regarding the 5 year housing land supply – both how it’s calculated and the implications of not having one. There is also limited understanding of how to influence it. Both of these issues impact on delivery of the Joint Strategic Plan in a number of way – particularly in terms of housing delivery but also community capacity.</p>	
<p>Purpose of the review/Objective (quantify the outcomes the review will seek to achieve)</p>	<p>To provide greater understanding of how the 5 year housing land supply is calculated; To provide greater understanding of the implications of not having a 5 year housing land supply; and To understand the actions available to positively effect the 5 year housing land supply.</p>	
<p>Success measures</p>	<p>What are the expected outcomes?</p>	<p>Greater understanding among Councillors and communities. Provide a mechanism for Councillors to be able to brief their Parish Councils and constituents</p>
	<p>What are the likely benefits to the council and its community?</p>	<p>Clearer understanding Better communication Consensus on solutions Reputational benefit More homes delivered in sustainable way</p>

	What value is O&S adding to the process?	Sense of focus Clearer communication of the processes involved Provide a steer on how Councillors can have a positive impact
	Are there any barriers/dangers/risks?	Danger of being passive when there may be potential actions available
	How are you going to know that you have reached the end of the O&S activity?	Uncertain at this stage
Background information	<p>Email from Bill Newman to all Babergh Councillors dated 24th March 2017 (advising that the Council could no longer rely upon having a Five Year Housing land supply) - attached.</p> <p>Interim 5 year supply statement (BDC): http://www.babergh.gov.uk/assets/Strategic-Planning/AMR/INTERIM-BDC-5-year-land-supply-update-report-April-2017.pdf</p> <p>Joint Annual Monitoring Report: See attached email</p> <p>5 Year Land Supply briefing note from August 2015 (see attached – this was provided to All Councillors in August 2015)</p>	

Methodology/ Approach (what types of enquiry will be used to gather evidence and why)	
Resource requirements	Resource is a major challenge. Retention and recruitment of planning staff has been added to the Corporate Risk Register. We are currently carrying vacancies in both Development Management and Strategic Planning following unsuccessful recruitment exercises. For the awareness of Councillors, it is important to note that the same officers undertake the 5 year land supply review as those developing the Joint Local Plan.
Project parameters	Looking solely at the 5 year housing land supply Explicitly not looking into planning committees, decision-making, housing affordability or the Local Plan more broadly.
Specify Witnesses/ Experts/ Stakeholders (who to see and when)- subject to review as evidence becomes available.	Philip Isbell (Corporate Manager Growth and Sustainable Planning) Robert Hobbs (Corporate Manager Strategic Planning) Matt Deakin (Senior Policy Strategy Planner)
Specify Evidence Sources for documents	LGA Briefing: https://www.local.gov.uk/plan-making-5-year-housing-land-supply NPPF: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2
Specify Site Visits	Not required.

(where and when)			
Barriers/dangers/risks Identify any weaknesses and potential pitfalls	Changes to government policy Changes to methodology Availability of data is a constraint Volatility of the market – things outside our control can have big impacts		
Projected start date		Draft report deadline	
Meeting frequency		Projected completion date	