

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
Record of Executive Decision**

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- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

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Lead Cabinet Member	Lead Cabinet member for Housing
Subject Matter	Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy Annexes
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Date Taken	Tuesday, 29 June 2021
Contact Officer	Julie Fletcher, Head of Housing Strategy (julie.fletcher@scambs.gov.uk)
Date Published	Tuesday, 29 June 2021
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	Tuesday, 6 July 2021
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	No

Purpose / Background
The purpose of this decision is to approve the following policies, set out in Appendix A, as annexes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build to Rent • Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing • Affordable Rents

The policies have been considered previously by Cabinet on 3rd February 2021 where approval was given for the draft policies to go out to wider public consultation; and then delegated authority given to the Lead Member for Housing to approve the final policies subject to any minor amendments.

Following the public consultation, amendments to the policies have been highlighted in yellow to identify where changes have been made.

Declaration(s) of Interest

Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.

None

Dispensation(s)

In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.

None

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.

Early consultation has been undertaken with key officers across both South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council and through a Member workshop to help develop the draft policies. Following which, the draft policies have been considered by both Leadership Team and Cabinet before going out to wider public consultation. A summary of the public consultation responses is provided at Appendix B.

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

Option 1: To reject the policies relating to Build to Rent, Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing and Affordable Rents.

Reason for Rejection: This will leave the Council with little policy direction on these topics, which have gone through full consultation with key stakeholders to ensure the policies are robust and that all views have been considered in their drafting.

Final decision	Reason(s)
<p>To approve the following policies as annexes to the Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build to Rent• Clustering and Distribution of Affordable Housing• Affordable Rents <p>[attached at Appendix A]</p>	<p>The inclusion of the Build to Rent and Clustering policies as part of the Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy will ensure that the Council can provide policy direction in terms of applications coming forward for Build to Rent schemes and the clustering and distribution of affordable housing. Whilst these policies will not carry the same weight as policies within the Local Plan, they will be a material consideration in determining planning applications and will help to inform the joint Local Plan currently in development.</p> <p>The policy regarding the setting of</p>

	Affordable Rents will set out the expectations of the Councils in terms of its priorities for homes to be truly affordable. Whilst the Council cannot make this a requirement, the policy draws on the existing partnership approach with Registered Housing Providers to provide clear guidance which they should have regard to when determining their Affordable Rents.
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Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scamb.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

Further Information
Report to Cabinet dated 3rd February 2021 Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy Annexes