

To: City Executive Board

Date: 12 November 2015

Report of: Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: Planning – Annual Monitoring Report

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To present recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee on the Planning Annual Monitoring Report

Key decision? No

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Craig Simmons

Executive lead member: Councillor Alex Hollingsworth , Board Member for Planning, Transport and Regulatory Services

Policy Framework: Targets measured here are set to deliver policies in the Core Strategy. Some of these policies link to targets within key strategies in the policy Framework including the Corporate Plan

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee to the City Executive Board:

That the City Executive Board states whether it agrees or disagrees with the following recommendations:

1. That the Council includes the following two new indicators when considering the effectiveness of planning policies contained within the Oxford Local Development Plan

a) Number of units of affordable housing to rent built on Council owned land

b) The amount of land freed up for affordable housing development through change of use

Introduction

1. The Scrutiny Committee reviewed the Planning Annual Monitoring Report at its public meeting on 2 November 2015. The Committee would like to thank Councillor Hollingsworth and Mark Jaggard for presenting this item.

Summary and Recommendation

2. The committee discussed performance and some of the external barriers to achievement. The debate particularly focused on housing including land

availability and the delivery of affordable housing for rent, student accommodation including the effects of students living in the private rented sector has on availability and price and the balance between land available for economic development and housing including the relationship between jobs and places for people to live.

3. The committee discussed the relevance of some of the indicators and achievement levels set and agreed with officers and the Board Member that in some areas challenge was required. Scrutiny members agreed that they would like consideration to be given to two new indicators when the opportunity arises. These are included within the recommendations.

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