

Decision made in the presence of:  
Ian Bellinger, Service Manager for Growth and Delivery  
James McCabe, Senior Planning Officer, Growth and Delivery  
Callum Wernham, Democratic & Electoral Services Specialist

**INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER  
DECISION RECORD SHEET  
IMD 2023/04**

<b>Title of the report</b>	<b>Wokingham Borough Council response to the West Berkshire Pre-submission Local Plan</b>
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**DECISION MADE BY** Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan - Lindsay Ferris  
**ACTION BY** Director, Place and Growth - Simon Dale  
**DECISION MADE ON** 22 February 2023

**Recommendation contained in the report**

That the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan agrees that Wokingham Borough Council:

- 1) Supports West Berkshire District Council's approach to meeting their Local Housing Need in full;
- 2) Requests West Berkshire District Council acknowledge that the Plan contains flexibility to assist with meeting the existing unmet housing need from Reading Borough;
- 3) Expresses concern over whether the Plan will meet Gypsy and Traveller needs in full, but welcomes the commitment to addressing this through a separate Development Plan Document;
- 4) Confirms that Wokingham Borough Council is currently unable to assist with meeting any unmet employment need arising from the Plan;
- 5) Expects that West Berkshire District Council will work closely with Wokingham Borough Council to ensure appropriate infrastructure is delivered to mitigate the impact of any development which would have cross boundary implications.

**Decision**

That the Executive Member for Planning and Local Plan agreed that Wokingham Borough Council:

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- 2) Requests West Berkshire District Council acknowledge that the Plan contains flexibility to assist with meeting the existing unmet housing need from Reading Borough;
- 3) Expresses concern over whether the Plan will meet Gypsy and Traveller needs in full, but welcomes the commitment to addressing this through a separate Development Plan Document;
- 4) Confirms that Wokingham Borough Council is currently unable to assist with meeting any unmet employment need arising from the Plan;
- 5) Expects that West Berkshire District Council will work closely with Wokingham Borough Council to ensure appropriate infrastructure is delivered to mitigate the impact of any development which would have cross boundary implications;
- 6) Welcomes further engagement as West Berkshire District Council's Local Plan progresses.

**Reasons for Decision if different to recommendation**

The Executive Member requested an additional statement welcoming further engagement as West Berkshire District Council's Local Plan progressed.

**Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision**

N/A

**Summary of consultations undertaken**

<b>SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES</b>	
<b>Director – Resources and Assets</b>	No comments
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>	No comments
<b>Leader of the Council</b>	No comments received

**Reasons why the report was deemed to have contained confidential or Exempt information (if applicable)**

N/A

**Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by a Member which relates to the decision**

None

**Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest**

None

**Background papers**

None

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**EFFECTIVE ON:** 2 March 2023

**CALL-IN PERIOD EXPIRES:** 1 March 2023