

AGENDA ITEM 12 (g) - House Building Target

Amendment

- Para 1 - replace everything after "...house building target" with "*on the City of Portsmouth but that the target is subject to yearly recalculation due to the fact that the Administration has failed to deliver an up to date Local Plan for several years.*"
- Para 2 - replace everything after "The City Council" with "*notes the following in objection to Central Government Housing Targets:*"
- Para 3 (point 1) - delete everything after "...City environment."
- Para 4 (point 2), first sentence - add "*projected yearly target of 855 or*" between "The" and "17,000". Add "*over 20 years*" after "17,000",
- Para 5 (point 3), first sentence - delete everything after "...affordable housing"
- Para 5 (point 3) - add a second sentence to read "*The current housing delivery by the Administration of 183 units of non-student accommodation in 2018/19, 80 units of housing in 2019/20 and 260 in 2020/21 falls well short of the needs of the city for affordable housing.*"
- Para 5 (point 3), third sentence - delete everything after ".....affordable housing" and replace with "*but this situation is made worse in Portsmouth by the Administration failure to identify a 5 year housing land supply as this has led to a presumption in favour of sustainable development being imposed on the city.*"
- Delete Para 6 (point 4), which begins " The Government target of over 17,000"
- Para 7, first sentence - add "*to oppose central government housing targets, and*" between " ...write to the Government" and "...reiterates that.." Delete everything after "...local decision"

The amended motion to therefore read:

"The City Council recognises that the Government have imposed a house building target on the City of Portsmouth but that the target is subject to yearly recalculation due to the fact that the Administration has failed to deliver an up to date Local Plan for several years.

The City Council notes the following in objection to Central Government Housing Targets:

1. The decision on housing need in Portsmouth should be made by local people in Portsmouth and not imposed by Government since local people understand the opportunities, constraints and complexities of the City environment.

2. The projected yearly target of 855 or 17,000 over 20 years is too many. Portsmouth is an island with virtually no unprotected land to expand into. Our roads, hospital, schools, GPs and other services just can't cope with this amount of additional housing.

3. There is a need for more affordable housing. The current housing delivery by the Administration of 183 units of non-student accommodation in 2018/19, 80 units of housing in 2019/20 and 260 in 2020/21 falls well short of the needs of the city for affordable housing. Government rules in many cases allow developers to avoid building any affordable housing but this situation is made worse in Portsmouth by the Administration failure to identify a 5 year housing land supply as this has led to a presumption in favour of sustainable development being imposed on the city.

The City Council therefore asked the Leader of the Council to write to the Government to oppose central government housing targets, and reiterates that the decision on the amount and sort of housing should be a local decision.

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Seconded by (Name) Councillor Ryan Brent

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