

RUNNING ORDER FOR PLANNING, EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY & REGENERATION CMM

73 Government Consultations: Neighbourhood Planning Regulations

- This report seeks approval of the council's response to a Government consultation on the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.
- The draft Regulations seek to add more clarity to the process of Neighbourhood Planning introduced by the Localism Act which received Royal Assent on 15 November.
- The general principle behind the Regulations is welcomed.
- However, there needs to be more clarity regarding minimum requirements, procedures and resource matters to guide neighbourhoods to produce a robust planning document. Further guidance for local authorities in relation to their role and resourcing is needed to.
- There are also concerns that the omission of certain elements from this consultation will lead to confusion and undermine the government's aims to consolidate the planning system.

Invite comments from Opposition Spokespeople.

Decision:

I approve the council's response to the Government's consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.