

10.EC.197(a) - Joint Inquiry into Affordable Housing

The Executive Cabinet received and considered a report of the Director of Partnerships, Planning and Policy which set out the Executive's suggested response to the findings and recommendations of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Task Group that had been set up by the Chorley, Preston and South Ribble Councils to consider issues around the provision and access to affordable housing for both rent and sale.

The joint inquiry had been instigated in response to concerns that the delivery of affordable housing would be unable to meet the needs of expanding communities and the Task Group had examined the measures that could be taken to overcome current barriers to the delivery of affordable homes.

The Executive Leader thanked the members of the joint Task Group for its efforts and recommendations and commended the suggested response for endorsement, whilst pointing out the possibility of new Government policy impacting on the development of rural exception sites.

Decision made:

That the recommended response of the Executive to the findings and recommendations of the joint Overview and Scrutiny Task Group following its inquiry into the delivery of affordable housing, as contained in the submitted report, be endorsed for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for decision:

The Executive's endorsement of the action in the joint Overview and Scrutiny Task Group's recommendations will enhance and assist the delivery of affordable homes throughout the Central Lancashire sub-region.

Alternative option(s) considered and rejected:

None.