

Report To: Planning Committee

Date of Meeting: 30th July 2014

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Title: Affordable Housing Task and Finish Group -
Nominations

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. This report seeks the nomination of two representatives from Planning Committee to sit on the Affordable housing Task & Finish Group.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 To outline the establishment of the Affordable Housing Task & Finish Group and seek the nomination of two members to represent Planning Committee on the group. These two members will be in addition to the Chair of Planning Committee.

3. What are the recommendations?

- 3.1. That Members agree the nomination of two members to represent Planning Committee on the Affordable Housing Task & Finish Group.

4. Report details

- 4.1 Affordable Housing is a key issue for the Council, crossing both Housing and Planning Strategy/Policy. It is also part of the Council's Priority in the Corporate Plan, "Ensuring access to good quality housing".
- 4.2 Provision of Affordable Housing is a complex matter, with many components, and covers a number of Council Services, Lead Member Portfolios with input from external partners. The complexity and Member interest was highlighted at Planning Committee in May when Members were presented with the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Affordable Housing and again in June when the Draft Local Housing Strategy was presented to Council Briefing.
- 4.3 The two relevant Lead Members (Cllr David Smith and Cllr Hugh Irving) with support from the relevant Corporate Director (Rebecca Maxwell) and the two

relevant Heads of Service (Graham Boase and Peter McHugh) concluded that a Member/Officer Task & Finish Group looking at Affordable Housing was required. This approach was endorsed during the Council Briefing discussion in June on the Local Housing Strategy.

4.4 The draft Terms of Reference for the group are attached as Appendix A to this report.

4.5 It is intended that the Group will meet twice a month for three months between September and November 2014. A number of initial meeting dates have been arranged as follows:

- Tuesday, 16th September 2014 at 3pm - Conference Room 2, County Hall, Ruthin
- Thursday, 9th October 2014 at 2.30pm - Meeting Room 1, Caledfryn, Denbigh
- Tuesday, 4th November 2014 at 3pm - Council Chamber, Russell House, Rhyl

Additional dates to be agreed.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That members nominate and agree on two members to represent Planning Committee on the Affordable Housing Task and Finish Group.