

**Summary of Comments made on the Joint Cabinet / Executive Agenda for
Wednesday 14 April 2021**

**Stratford -on-Avon District Council
Overview & Scrutiny Committee Held on 31 March 2021**

667. South Warwickshire Plan Consultation

The Policy Manager (Enterprise, Housing and Planning) introduced the report and along with the Portfolio Holder for Place, Councillor Daren Pemberton and the Head of Development Services at Warwick District Council, took a series of questions from Members. Questions were raised on issues including climate change, the supply of affordable housing, and engagement with ward councillors.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the following be recommended to the Joint Cabinet/Executive Committee:

- 1) That Members note the work that had been carried out to date on commencing preparation of the South Warwickshire Local Plan;
- 2) That Members agreed that the consultation document "South Warwickshire Local Plan: Stage 1: Scoping and Call for Sites Consultation" (attached as Appendix 1) be approved for consultation with the public and stakeholders; and
- 3) That the two lead officers, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Place (Stratford-on-Avon District Council) and Development (Warwick District Council), be authorised to make any final editorial amendments to the Scoping Document prior to consultation.

**Warwick District Council
Overview & Scrutiny Committee Held on 7 April 2021**

4. South Warwickshire Local Plan – Scoping Document

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee thanked the report authors for their comprehensive work on the report. The Committee discussed the report and made the following recommendations:

1. The document should make it clear the plan is being developed at a strategic high level and that certain local plan policies (e.g. HMOs, student accommodation) will continue to exist unaffected.
2. That all the questions asked in the report should be reviewed to take into account the audience they were aimed at to ensure, wherever possible, plain English is used.
3. That in respect to affordable housing there was a need to look at housing needs within the district to ensure that an appropriate policy is adopted.
4. The position relating to Gypsy and Traveller sites should be addressed more clearly.
5. That the Council should aim for a plan in which all new housing should be required to be carbon zero.
6. That there is effective engagement with parish councils and that they understand any impacts on their own parish/neighbourhood plans.
7. Analysis of responses should ensure that they build an understanding of the distinct view of different interest groups e.g. developers, parish councils and members of the public.