

Summary of Comments made on the Joint Cabinet Agenda for  
Thursday 1 August 2024

**5. Meeting Housing Growth Needs through the South Warwickshire Local Plan**

The Committee noted that earlier during the day of the meeting, the Government had laid out its plans on planning reform and housebuilding. This came late in the day and officers and the Leaders of Warwick District Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council had not had a chance to consider its implications in depth, but the Committee noted this intervention of Government was likely to lead to a change of policy.

The Committee also recognised the anxiety around the South Warwickshire Local Plans and the number of houses amongst local residents, and the potential impact of this.

**Recommendation**

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee recommends to Joint Cabinet that, given the uncertainty introduced by the Government announcement, the numbers referred to in recommendation (2) should be "noted" rather than "agreed", and the report be amended accordingly in order to reflect this.

**The Joint Cabinet is required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to it.**

The Committee was confident that the working methodology as it stands provides a good basis to proceed with the proposals.

**6. Proposed Changes to the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) Part A Methodology for the South Warwickshire Local Plan**

The Committee thanked officers for their work on producing the report.

In relation to the *Financial Implications* paragraph in both reports, the Committee notes the figures and asks Cabinet to provide assurance to Stratford-on-Avon District Council with regards to Warwick District Council meeting its financial obligations, noting that further funding will need to be agreed as part of future budget-setting.