

## Planning, Housing & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 13 March 2018  
**Subject:** GMSF Update  
**Report of:** Anne Morgan, Head of Planning Strategy

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To update Scrutiny members on the GMSF

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the committee:

a) Note the report

### 3. CONTACT OFFICERS

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### 4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Members requested an update on the GMSF at each Scrutiny meeting. As members are aware, the next consultation on the GMSF is due to take place in the summer.

### 5. INTRODUCTION

5.1 This report covers 3 main areas:

- (i) Publication of the existing land supply information
- (ii) Consultation on Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- (iii) Publication of new Sub National Population Projections and Sub National Household projections

#### **Publication of existing land supply information**

5.2 All districts published their Brownfield registers in December 2017. We are looking to collate these alongside the rest of the urban land supply for publication in March 2018. This will allow residents and others to see what land we have identified for development and check that we have not overlooked any sites/buildings which could help us meet our development needs. The majority of this land will be brownfield, although there will be some greenfield sites.

- 5.3 When this information is published, people will be encouraged to put forward additional sites/buildings (not already identified), that they think we should consider as part of the existing land supply.

### **Consultation on Draft NPPF**

- 5.4 The Government committed to a review of the NPPF once a Parliament. This consultation was launched on 5 March and runs until 10 May. The consultation document can be found at the following link (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-planning-policy-framework-and-developer-contribution-consultations>)  
The NPPF is an important policy document and it is anticipated that it will provide further details on the proposed methodology for assessing housing need. A further report will be brought to Scrutiny once the consultation is launched.

### **Sub National Population and Household Projections (SNPP)**

- 5.5 The SNPP forms the official projection of population for local authorities in England. Each set of subnational population projections forms the basis for an equivalent set of household projections. The 2016-based households projections will be the first to be produced by Office National Statistics, previous rounds having been produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). ONS have confirmed that the 2016-based population projections are scheduled for release in May/June 2018 and the household projections in Summer 2018.
- 5.6 National Planning Policy Guidance states that these household projections should form the starting point for assessments of housing need used in local plans. They are therefore important in calculating the population and household growth that the GMSF should be planning for.
- 5.7 The timing of the new projections is not particularly helpful as it will be coincide with the publication of the next Draft GMSF. Once the projections are published it will be necessary to consider whether the assumptions underpinning the Draft GMSF need to be re-considered.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Recommendations are found at the front of the report