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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A6</p>	<p>Response to the Government's proposed changes to the current planning system</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Council's response to the consultation document 'Changes to the Planning System' issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government be approved as set out in Appendix A of report CAB3261. 2. That the Council continue to work with strategic partners and local MPs to influence the outcome of the consultation. 3. That delegated authority be awarded to the Strategic Planning Manager to make minor and typographical 	<p>The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is consulting on a number of proposed changes to current planning policy and legislation. These include changes to the standard method for assessing local housing need (the number of houses for which the Local Plan needs to plan), securing of First Homes through developer contributions, temporarily lifting the small sites threshold for when affordable housing would be required and extending the current Permission in Principle to major development. Consultation on this document ends on the 1st</p>	<p>This is a response to a government consultation on the proposed changes to the current planning system and the content of any response is a matter for Cabinet based on its judgement. Given the impact of the changes that are being put forward, particularly in relation to the number of homes that the council would need to plan for in the Local Plan and the proposals to raise the threshold on affordable housing, a draft response has been prepared for Cabinet to consider.</p>
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		updates to the consultation response.	<p>October 2020.</p> <p>The purpose of report CAB3261 is to set out the Council's formal response to this consultation document.</p> <p>The government is undertaking a separate consultation exercise on the White Paper 'Planning for the Future' which proposes changes to the way in which Local Plans are operated and prepared, amongst other things, to which responses are required by the end of October. Cabinet will receive a report on the Council's proposed response to that consultation on 21st October 2020.</p>	
A7	Quarter 1 Finance & Performance Monitoring	That cabinet notes the progress achieved during Q1 of 2020/21 and endorses the	Report CAB3252 and Appendix 1 provides a summary of the council's	An alternative approach would have been to recast the Council Plan priorities in

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		<p>contents of the report.</p>	<p>progress during the period April to June (Q1) 2020 against the five priorities in the Council Plan 2020-25.</p> <p>Appendix 2 provides the data where available for Q1 against each of the Strategic Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and a brief narrative covering the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had or will have on performance.</p> <p>Appendix 3 includes the highlight reports for each of the council’s significant ‘Tier 1’ programmes and projects.</p> <p>Appendix 4 provides an update on the demand of our services during the period April to July 2020 and compares this to the same period in 2019, where the data is available. This is an</p>	<p>the light of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, on balance it is considered that the five policy themes of the council remain relevant and the annual refresh of the Council Plan will take place over the third quarter in line with the 2020/2021 budget setting.</p>

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			<p>update to the report CAB3244 Appendix 2, that was presented to cabinet on 21 May 2020.</p> <p>Appendix 5 provides an update on the progress against the actions that were included in the Recovery and Restoration Plan, also included in report CAB3244.</p> <p>A report setting a revised General Fund budget for 2020/21 is being presented separate to this Q1 report (see CAB3256) and therefore this report does not include a financial update for the General Fund, an update on the Housing Revenue Account is included as Appendix 6.</p> <p>Appendix 7 is the action notes of the first</p>	

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			Performance Panel meeting which took place on 14 September 2020.	
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