

URGENT DECISION RECORD

Name and Title of Officer: Helen Mitchell Director of Corporate and Customer Services		Service: Corporate and Customer Services	
Delegated Power Being Exercised: To provide a response to the Government consultation regarding an accelerated planning system before the closing date. Members have been consulted regarding the proposed response. It is required that this be taken as an urgent decision as no Committee meets within the required timescale.			
Subject of Decision:	Response to Government consultation on Accelerated Planning System.	Ref.	CCS/24/04
Decision Taken (specify precise details):	To submit a response to a Government consultation on Accelerated Planning System.		
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Corporate Leadership Team 23 April 2024 (2) Deputy Leaders of the Council 24 April 2024 – agreed to issue response in consultation with members (3) Chair and Vice Chair of Community and Environment Committee 22 April 2024 – consulted with fellow members who agreed response 		
Budget implications. State value of decision and budget used. Decision to be taken without budgetary provision will need the consent of the Director and Director of Resources	Value N/A		Budget Head N/A
	Within budgetary provision? Yes	If no. Identify budget head N/A	Approved by: Karen Henriksen Director of Resources
Reasons for the Decision (specify all reasons for taking the decision including where necessary reference to Council policy, Contract Standing Orders, Financial Regulations)	<p>The Government is consulting on speeding up the planning system by restricting Extensions of Time for planning applications. It is considered this may have some unintended consequences.</p> <p>A summary of the Government's proposals was provided to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community and Environment Committee and to the Deputy Leaders of the Council, along with a draft response to the consultation. The</p>		

	<p>original consultation documents can be found on the gov.uk website at An accelerated planning system - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>The closing date for the consultation is Wednesday 1st May, there is no planned committee date within the time period required. Therefore, the response would normally be approved by the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate)</p>	<p>Not to respond to the Government consultation. However given implications for Extensions of Time this is not recommended in this case.</p>
<p>List all background/reports/information considered and attached (Legal, Personnel, Financial Implications etc)</p> <p>Draft response attached. Link to Government consultation above.</p>	
<p>Decision:</p>	<p>To submit the attached response to the Government consultation on Accelerated Planning System</p>
<p>Signature and Date:</p> <p>Helen Mitchell, Director of Corporate and Customer Services</p> <p>29 April 2024</p>	