

50/07(03) - **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The Cabinet Member for Housing submitted a written report following a Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Trevor Chapman and seconded by Councillor Chris Lewis, calling on the Council to investigate ways of encouraging developers who provided affordable housing to supply a wider range of house types. A constructive meeting with the mover and seconder of the motion had been held on 6 September 2007 and whilst the ideal contained within the motion to provide more three bedroomed family affordable accommodation was one which the Council would like to follow, there was a requirement to have due regard to the recently completed Housing Needs assessment.

That assessment had identified a predominant need for one and two bedroomed premises, so it was not possible, having regard to the status of the assessment, for the Council to insist on developers providing an excessive number of affordable three bedroomed family accommodation.

Notwithstanding the evidence base, the Cabinet Member accepted that it was clearly short-sighted to make no three bedroomed affordable housing provision and would, therefore, where appropriate and possible, seek to negotiate an element of larger affordable homes.

In response to a question from Councillor Beer, the Cabinet Member arranged for the Member to receive an electronic copy of the Housing Needs Survey together with any other Member who requested sight of the document.

Moved by Councillor Jean Butterfield Seconded by Councillor Richard Cooper

and **RESOLVED:**

That the report and action of the Cabinet Member be accepted.