

## **Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement**

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

### **The Decision:**

**To approve the weight given to Saved Local Plan Policies in decision making based on the assessment of the consistency of Saved Local Plan Policies with the NPPF**

**Date the decision was made: 9.05.13**

### **Reason for Decision** *(please set out in full)*

**Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is a material consideration in planning decisions which local planning authorities should take into account.**

**For the purposes of decision making, saved Local Plan policies should not be considered out-of-date simply because they were adopted prior to the publication of the NPPF. However, from March 2013, due weight should be given to saved policies in existing plans according to their degree of consistency with the NPPF (the closer the policies in the plan to the policies in the Framework, the greater the weight that may be given).**


**This decision sets out the weight that will be given to Saved Local Plan Policies so that the District Council may have a consistent and transparent approach to decision making.**

### **Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:**

**There are no suitable alternative approaches.**

(For Democratic Services use)

Decision Number: 50 (2012/13)

<b>Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted</b> <b>Planning Group Manager and Head of Development Control consulted</b>	
<b>Details of any conflicts of interest</b> <b>a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker</b> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	
<b>b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict</b> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A.</p>	
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Planning and Improvement
<b>Signed by Portfolio Holder</b>	
<b>Record made by:</b>	Charlie Shacklock
<b>Date of record:</b>	14.05.2013