

## Senior Officer Decision

**Consultative meeting:** Strategic Planning Committee

**Consultative meeting date:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## Exempt from publication

No

## Title: Settlement Hierarchy

### Links to:

- (i) **Officer report to consultative meeting**  
[2. SettlementHierarchyTier4Revisions.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)
- (ii) **Recording of consultative meeting**  
[Strategic Planning Committee \(consultative meeting\) 8 March 2022 - YouTube](#)
- (iii) **Minutes of consultative meeting**  
[Printed minutes 08th-Mar-2022 14.00 Strategic Planning Committee.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)

### Recommendation:

That no extension to tier 4 of the settlement hierarchy above that proposed in the working draft Local Plan presented to Strategic Planning Committee on 8 February 2022.

That the Committee acknowledges that for the purposes of preparing the Local Plan, modest growth represents no more than 10% unless exceptional circumstances or infrastructure comes alongside supported by evidence like the Neighbourhood Plan or with infrastructure attachments to it.

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### Authority

Decision of Council on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. [[Printed minutes 08th-Dec-2021 18.00 Council.pdf \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](#)]

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### Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes  No

Detail any other consultations carried out:

N/A

### Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes  No

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

### Legal Implications

To assist in the timely drafting of the new Local Plan policies a clear and settled approach to the Settlement Hierarchy must be formulated to avoid the risk of the Local Plan being found unsound at examination.

### Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications.

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

### Decision:

To agree the recommendation of Strategic Planning Committee.

### Reasons for decision:

To enable work on the new Local Plan to progress in accordance with Members wishes.



Signed ..... Dated 13 April 2022

Mark Williams  
Chief Executive

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