

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 9TH DECEMBER, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 21ST OCTOBER 2019

**“C127 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (NDF) 2020 – 2040
CONSULTATION DRAFT – RESPONSE TO WELSH GOVERNMENT (LRP)
SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION) –**

The Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services presented the report, the purpose of which was to seek endorsement of the response to the Draft National Development Framework (NDF) for submission to Welsh Government by the 1st November, 2019.

The Member began by advising that the report set out the content of the Draft NDF, having regard to its policies and proposals and how they affected the Vale of Glamorgan, the South East Wales region and the rest of Wales.

A response to the consultation had been prepared and was attached at Appendix A for Cabinet's consideration and where appropriate the Council had endorsed the content of the NDF. However, the consultation response raised a number of concerns. In particular:

- The lack of content and consideration of the Vale of Glamorgan and its role in the South East Wales Region;
- The deliverability of the NDF and its proposed outcomes;
- The overly prescriptive nature of the NDF in some policies / proposals (e.g. Green Belts);
- The omission of some key issues e.g. M4 congestion; and
- The lack of evidence supporting the NDF and its implications for Strategic Development Plan (SDP) / Local Development Plan (LDP) preparation

The Cabinet Member then highlighted that the NDF text ignored the pressures that Cardiff placed on the Vale of Glamorgan and the potential need for a green belt on the western side of Cardiff. Therefore, the Council's response made additional comments on the prescriptive Policy on Green Belts and the effect on the region.

In conclusion, the Member advised that although the framework was a national response, each Local Authority would be inputting individually to which the Operational Manager for Planning and Building Control added that the Council's response would be written from a Vale of Glamorgan point of view with particular regard to the Vale's relationship with Cardiff.

The Leader also reiterated that the matter had been considered by both the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Community Liaison Committee with no formal recommendations being raised by either Committee.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Consultation Response at Appendix A for submission to the Welsh Government by the 1st November, 2019 be approved.

(2) That the use of article 14.14.2 (ii) of the Council's Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised in respect of Resolution (1) above.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To provide Welsh Government with the Council's comments on the draft National Development Framework.

(2) To ensure submission to the Welsh Government by the 1st November, 2019 and, given that the Scrutiny Committee have given prior consideration to the report without comment."