



**Extraordinary  
Council**

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**Matter for Decision**

Title: **East Midlands Declaration on Affordable Housing**

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## **1. Introduction**

1.1 This report recommends that the Council formally endorses the East Midlands Declaration on Affordable Housing

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Council endorses the East Midlands Declaration on Affordable Housing

## **3. Information**

3.1 East Midlands Councils, which is the body that represents all councils in the East Midlands, has developed and drawn up a declaration on affordable housing and is inviting all councils to sign and commit to it.

3.2 It has done this because it has identified that the overall level of investment available through Affordable Homes Programme 2011-16 (AHP), which makes up an important part of the supply of new affordable homes, represents a significant cut from the previous period. In addition, housing associations based in the East Midlands were less successful in making bids to the AHP than has previously been the case.

3.3 East Midlands Councils formed a Task Group to look at how councils in the East Midlands could increase the delivery of affordable housing, amid concerns that without significant effort by all players in the housing delivery chain, delivery of affordable housing in the East Midlands may well be severely constrained over the next few years.

3.4 The Task Group has produced the following:

a. Investing in Opportunity: A prospectus for new affordable housing in the East Midlands.

b. The East Midlands Declaration on Affordable Housing

c. Affordable Housing Good Practice Guide - The Task Group has worked with the CIH East Midlands Regional Committee to jointly publish the following examples of good practice by local authorities and their partners in seeking to overcome the combined challenges of reduced availability of funding and increasing housing need.

3.5 The declaration is attached in Appendix A

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**Background Papers:-**

<b>Implications</b>	
Financial (PL)	No implications
Risk	No implications
Equalities (KG)	The declaration will apply equally to all members of the community
Legal (KG)	Must observe compliance and commitment to the declaration upon signing to it