

CABINET 30 MARCH 2017

ITEM 10

RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON DISTRIBUTION OF OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED HOUSING NEED ACROSS THE WEST ESSEX/EAST HERFORDSHIRE HOUSING MARKET AREA

It is proposed to replace paragraph 1.6 on Page 5 of the draft Memorandum of Understanding with the following words:

Three Strategic Housing Market Assessments (SHMAs), published in 2010, 2012 and 2015 have been undertaken for the combined area of East Hertfordshire, Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford Districts². The most recent SHMA was commissioned by the Co-op Member Board and managed through a sub group of the Co-op Officer Group. Details of the terms of reference and working practices of the Co-op Member Board and the Co-op Officer Group are set out in Appendix 2. The 2015 SHMA gives an up to date and Planning Practice Guidance compliant³ assessment of housing need over the Housing Market Area (HMA) for the period 2011-2033. It is acknowledged that since the publication of the SHMA in 2015, updated 2014-based household projections have been published – see paragraph 3.4. The four authorities are all committed to identifying an up-to-date OAHN based on the 2014-based projections. The 2015 SHMA gave the following headline results (in net additional dwellings) for the HMA as a whole, and for each local authority.