

**TITLE OF REPORT:**           **Housing Permissions in 2018**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

**1.1**    To update members on the Housing decisions made in 2018.

### **Background**

- 1** In light of the challenging housing delivery targets set out in the Core Strategy and Housing Delivery Test, and the recognition that granting planning permission is the first stage of enabling delivery of the required houses, this report sets out the progress made in 2018 in granting planning permissions for new housing provision.
- 2** In 2018, 109 decisions on housing applications have been made. 7 of these were withdrawn, 16 refused and 86 granted. This has granted a total of 1822 new dwellings in Gateshead.
- 3** In the past 6 weeks alone, 9 applications have been granted or minded to grant at Planning and Development Committee with a combined total of 1373 dwellings.
- 4** The results of the Housing Delivery Test are likely to show that the level of housing delivery in Gateshead is not keeping pace with the amount required in the Council's Local Plan. As a result there will be a requirement for the Council to produce an Action Plan to set out the causes of under delivery and to put in place measures to increase delivery. There are several factors affecting the level of housing delivery in the Borough a number of which the Council has limited control over. However the granting of planning permission for development that meet our policies in the Local Plan reduces a potential barrier to housing development

### **Recommendation**

- 5** It is recommended that the Committee note the report for information.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**