

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 72/20

14 SEPTEMBER 2020

The purpose of this Report is to introduce the Government's White Paper *Planning for the Future* and to invitee Members to determine if they wish to respond to the current consultation on it and, if so, what arrangements they need to make for developing a response.

No. DETAILS

I) BACKGROUND

- a) The government's White Paper *Planning for the Future* was issued last month and consultation period on it that is open until 29 October 2020.
- b) The Island's MP is proposing to publish his criticisms of the White Paper's proposals for the reform of the current planning system next on, or soon after, 16 September.

2) CONSULTATION

- a) At 84 pages, the document will need time to read and discuss in detail before a corporate view can be arrived at by the Town Council: it is available by clicking this <u>link</u>.
- b) Responses to the consultation can be registered either by completing an online questionnaire or by email; a link to the details is available by clicking this <u>link</u>.
- c) A Clerk to a Mainland Parish Council has provided Society of Local Clerks' colleagues with a useful summary in only 5 pages of the proposals and questions that is available by clicking this <u>link</u>.

3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to determine how they wish to develop a response with a view to arriving at a corporate response at the 12 October meeting.