

Cabinet Response to Member Question – Cabinet 16 October 2025.

Question

Question 1 from Councillor Daryl Corps to Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

Moreton-In-Marsh Working Group

In light of the staggering number of houses being earmarked for Moreton-in-Marsh in the Updated Cotswold District Council Local Plan Review, can the cabinet member for Housing and Planning please provide a date when the Moreton Working Group will next meet? This grave situation surely triggers a meeting due to the urgency of the challenges now facing the town and the surrounding Villages. I'm sure local stakeholders selected to join this group will be urgently anticipating a meeting.

Response

A date for this meeting has been set and invites will be sent in the next few days. It is important to reiterate at this point that since the Moreton Working Group was instigated, the game has changed. The government's new housing targets mean we are having to plan for thousands more homes in locations across the district. As members will have noted from the draft consultation document published in advance of this Cabinet meeting, the options we've been forced to develop for meeting those targets propose, indicatively at this stage, thousands of homes in the north, south and east of the district. Moreton-in-Marsh is still significantly impact, that is well noted and understood. But given the challenge before us now supersedes the previous development proposals for Moreton-in-Marsh, the meeting will be to discuss how the council best engages with stakeholders in Moreton moving forward. It will be a chance to discuss how that group can most effectively represent its communities on the matter, given we are going to be unable – out of fairness – to replicate a Working Group model in all of the areas impacted by the government's new housing targets.