

**Decisions taken at the CPH Climate Change, Planning & Housing Decision Session
Meeting held on Tuesday, 25 October 2022**

Present:

Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Planning & Housing - Councillor A Mackiewicz

Opposition Spokespersons: Councillor R Long, Councillor S Caudwell

Title	Decision Taken	Reasons	Date Effective
Apologies for Absence	No apologies for absence were received.		
Declarations of Interests	No declarations of interest were received.		
Questions and Deputations	No questions or deputations were received.		
First Homes – New Affordable Housing Tenure and Local Connection Criteria	<p>The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Planning and Housing:</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) To approve the local connection criteria as set out in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.16 of the main report; and, ii) To agree to receive a further report reviewing the outcomes of the local approach to First Homes in Solihull after the first five schemes or 20 units are delivered, whichever comes first. 	<p>PPG guidance on First Homes advises the Council should work flexibly with developers. Having these local connection criteria in place will create certainty for developers if they choose to promote First Homes as part of a planning proposal. Through any subsequent review of the Solihull Local Plan, the national minimum discount of 30% of the market value will be reviewed to consider if a higher discount of either 40% or 50% should be applied to the sale of First Homes in Solihull. Under Planning Policy Guidance, it is not possible to do this at this time, due to the need for a new overall borough wide housing needs assessment and review of viability taking into account all Local Plan policies. Given the advanced stage of the</p>	<p align="center">2nd November 2022</p>

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		<p>Examination in Public, this is not recommended. The Council could consider not to introduce not to introduce Local Connection criteria although this would reduce the benefit to local people as only the national eligibility criteria would apply.</p>	