

## Report of the Town Clerk

### Northumberland Local Plan - Call for Sites

#### Background

1. Following the withdrawal of the emerging core strategy and its evidence base, Northumberland County Council has committed to a new development plan timetable.
2. As part of this process, NCC has issued a call for information about sites that may be capable of development. The letter received from NCC is attached.
3. Your officers are unable to offer detailed advice on the content of the letter; its suggestion that NCC can re-use evidence gathered in the preparation of the withdrawn core strategy runs directly contrary to advice given by NCC officers during the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
4. Nevertheless your officers are keen to engage with the process on your behalf. The timescale proposed is tight; the letter was issued on 12th February and the closing date is 12th March.

#### Recommendation

1. That, in light of the difficult timetable, council delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's choice of a chair for their work, Cllr Karin Graham, to make a submission to NCC.