

ANNEX 4 – Q1 2021/22 STRATEGIC RISKS RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSURE

Ref.	Description	Owner	Mitigating actions/update
<p>SR11</p>	<p>Reform of the planning system</p> <p>Following the publication of the ‘Planning for the Future’ white paper, the government is consulting on changes to planning system.</p> <p>Whilst the proposals are at an early stage, the current White Paper proposes increasing the threshold at which affordable housing is required from developments from 10 units to 40 or 50.</p> <p>Given the large number of developments in the borough offering 11-40 homes, the increase in the threshold to 40 would reduce RBBC’s delivery of affordable housing by up to approximately 60%.</p> <p>This change could therefore negatively impact delivery of affordable housing in the borough.</p>	<p>Cllr Biggs</p>	<p>As noted in Annex 1 of this agenda item, this risk is recommended for closure in Q1 2021/22 reporting.</p> <p>This risk was raised following the publication of the ‘Planning for the Future’ White Paper and the subsequent consultation on changes to the planning system.</p> <p>The government has recently confirmed that its plan to reduce the threshold for affordable homes from developments of 11 homes to 40 or 50 is not being pursued, meaning that medium sized developments will still be required to provide affordable housing.</p> <p>This risk is therefore recommended for closure, with a new strategic risk raised to reflect the current implications of the risk.</p>