Key facts about Mid Devon

- Population: 79,800 (up 14% since 2001)
- The population from 2000-2010 grew at a faster rate than the rest of Devon, the South West and England.
- Service sector accounts for 75% of employment, but recent growth in the industrial/manufacturing sector.
- 20.3% of households include a member with a disability and 60+ age group is increasing.
- Housing affordability remains an issue, though the earnings to prices ratio for Mid Devon is similar to the rest of the country.
- House prices have increased this year having fluctuated since 2008.
- Second home ownership is below Devon average.

Sustainable communities and the environment

- 38% of new housing is on brownfield land
- Efficient use of land – 58% of housing built at over 30 dwellings per hectare
- 54% of new employment development is on brownfield land
- No applications were approved where there were outstanding objections from the Environment Agency
- Five new Conservation Area and Management Plans were adopted in 2015/2016.
- Conservation Area Appraisals are progressing
- £30,381 spent on public open space (from developer contributions)

Housing

- Number of planning permissions have slightly gone down however those under construction are up on the previous year.
- Against the requirement of 3139 dwellings, Mid Devon’s five year housing supply stands at 4.15 years
- 1366 dwellings with planning permission
- 619 dwellings under construction
- 304 dwellings built, including 31 affordable dwellings (target not met)
- Delivery of gypsy and traveller accommodation is on target

Progress on Local Plan preparation

- Adopted Local Plan in place for planning strategy to the year 2026
- Consultation on Local Plan Review and CIL took place Jan - Feb 2017
- Preliminary hearing dates for the Local Plan Review have been set for September 2018
- Adoption of Local Plan and CIL anticipated following examination
- Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension ‘Area A’ Masterplan Supplementary Planning document adopted
- ‘Area B’ Masterplanning underway
- North West Cullompton Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document adopted 2016
- Refuse Storage Supplementary Planning Document adopted Feb 2017

Employment

- 57 hectares of employment land available
- Increasing take-up of allocated sites
- Slight decrease in town centre activity (pedestrian footfall)
- Unemployment slightly lower than last year and remains below the regional average.