

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting5th October 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East - Examination in Public Panel Report July 2006.

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that informed Members of the publication of the Panel Report into Submission Draft Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS).

The report also detailed the following:-

- how the objections made by the Council had been taken into account
- the Panel's recommendations for changes to RSS on those issues of relevance to Stockton Borough
- the next steps in the production of RSS.

Cabinet noted that a similar report had recently been considered by the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that

1. the publication of the Panel Report and its recommendations be noted.
2. the further stages in the preparation of the final version of the Regional Spatial Strategy be noted

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Planning and Compensation Act 2004 required the Regional Planning Body (the North East Assembly) to prepare and maintain Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). Once adopted, this would supersede both Regional Planning Guidance Note 1 (2002) and the Tees Valley Structure Plan (2004). It would formally become part of the development plan for this Borough. The Council's own emerging Local Development

Framework would be required to be in conformity with it

RSS must pass through a number of statutory stages prior to its formal adoption. Submission Draft RSS was published in June 2006 and placed on deposit for formal consultation between 13th July and 5th October 2005. In August 2005 (minute 256), Cabinet endorsed a number of representations. Following this period of consultation, the First Secretary of State appointed a Panel of Inspectors to conduct an EiP into selected issues arising from the Submission Draft. This took place between 7th March and 7th April 2006. In addition, the Panel considered the written representations of those unable to attend or who were not invited to appear. The Report presented the Panel's recommendations for changes to Submission Draft RSS. It is not subject to public consultation. Both the report and the representations made would be referred to the Secretary of State for consideration. Then Proposed Changes would be published for consultation. This was scheduled for winter 2006 and a further report would be made to Cabinet when it may be necessary to make representations on the Proposed Changes. Following consideration of responses to the Proposed Changes, the Secretary of State was expected to publish final RSS in Spring 2007.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 13th October 2006

Proper Officer
09 October 2006