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**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

INFORMATION ITEM

Regeneration and Transport – Lead Cabinet Member - Councillor Cook.

Adoption of Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Provision for new developments.

SUMMARY

The draft parking standards SPD's purpose is to update the Council's existing car parking standards as they have come into conflict with national standards. In addition a departure from standard procedure was developed in order to formalise the process of assessing whether standards may be relaxed in certain instances. The SPD was presented to Cabinet members in January 2006. At the meeting Cabinet gave approval for officers to consult on the SPD and granted delegated authority to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Head of Engineering and Transportation, the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning Committee and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to consult, prepare and adopt the document. Following the consultation process the document was amended in line with comments from Government Office North East and formally adopted on the 30th November 2006.

DETAIL

1. This report is intended to notify members of the adoption of Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Standards for new developments. A copy of the document is available in the Members' Library.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

2. Any financial implications will be met inside existing budgets.

RISK ASSESSMENT

3. The subject matter of this report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

4. The findings of this report support the objectives of the community strategy in terms of transportation and liveability. The document advocates the provision of a consistent level of car parking in accordance with PPG13 in order to promote more sustainable alternatives to the private car. The document also assesses car-parking provision against highway safety as lack of adequate car parking can reduce pedestrian/vehicle inter-visibility and reduced highway capacity.
5. The document is also influenced by the need to improve the quality of the built environment as identified by the CABA housing audit and guidance in PPG3. These documents note that careful planning of the need for car parking together with consideration of the rest of the

built environment, can significantly improve both the quality of new development and the way they operate.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

6. The document has been developed in consultation with the local stakeholders and community groups and Cabinet and Planning Committee members have granted delegated authority to adopt this document.

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Background Papers

- Stockton Borough Council, Design Guide and Specification.
- Stockton Borough Council, Community Strategy 2005 / 2008.
- PPG3: Housing.
- Draft PPS3: Housing.
- PPG13: Transport.
- Design Bulletin 32.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: As above.

Property : None.