

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....22nd November 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT  
FRAMEWORK  
ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2006/2007

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that informed of the completion of the third Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report (AMR). The AMR also reported on which of the existing Local Plan policies had been saved beyond September 2007.

It was explained that review and monitoring were key aspects of the Government's "plan, monitor and manage" approach to the planning system. They were crucial to the successful delivery of the spatial vision and objectives of the Local Development Framework and should be undertaken on a continuous, pro-active basis. By identifying outputs and trends, these techniques would enable local planning authorities to build a comprehensive evidence base against which local development document policies and implementation mechanisms could be assessed. Members were advised that Regulation 48 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 required local authorities to produce an Annual Monitoring Report to assess:

- the implementation of the Local Development Scheme
- the extent to which policies in Local Development Documents were being achieved.

It was noted that Annual Monitoring Reports had to be based upon the period from 1 April to 31 March, and submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the end of the following December.

Members were advised that Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks gave guidance to local authorities as to the content of the Annual Monitoring Report and were also advised what it should include an assessment of.

Regulation 48 specifically required information to be provided on net additional dwellings. As a means of assessing policy implications, authorities should use trajectories to demonstrate past and likely future performance, and demonstrate how housing policies would deliver housing provision in their area.

It was noted that under the Local Development Framework guidance, a set of core indicators were included which local authorities were required to address in their Annual Monitoring Report. These indicators had to be collected within a consistent timeframe using a clearly identified set of definitions. Detailed definitions were set out to assist local authorities with this task.

Members were presented with a copy of Stockton Borough's third Annual Monitoring Report. The report covered the period from April 2006 – March 2007. In the absence of new Local Development Documents which would make up the Local Development Framework, the monitoring report still focused on the performance of policies in the existing Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan.

Members were informed that the Annual Monitoring Report would enable the Council to:

- assess progress towards meeting the targets set out in the Local Development Scheme, and provide a basis for amendments in timetabling, as necessary.
- strengthen baseline data against which to monitor performance in the future.
- identify further gaps in the knowledge base, to enable systems to be put in place to collect information required for monitoring.
- look at the existing Local Plan policies to assess their effectiveness.

Members were informed of some of the key findings of the Annual Monitoring Report and informed that it had to be submitted to the Secretary of State by the end of December 2007.

RESOLVED that the third Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report be noted and endorsed.

### 3. Reasons for the Decision

There is a statutory duty for all local planning authorities to adopt and keep under review the development plan for their respective areas. The preparation of an annual monitoring report is a vital part of this process, to assess whether policies are performing as intended and whether

targets are being met.

This report is presented to Cabinet to endorse the findings of the AMR which may influence policy development and the any amendments to the Local Development Scheme.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cunningham declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in this item as he was employed as an energy consultant.

Councillor Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in this item as he was a Member of the Tristar Homes Management Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

By no later than midnight on Friday 30th November 2007

Proper Officer  
26 November 2007