

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th August 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to the Publication Draft of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

The report asked for authority to progress to the next stage in the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document, in accordance with Planning Policy Statement 12: creating strong, safe and prosperous communities through Local Spatial Planning, and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

It was explained that this stage comprised the publication of the Core Strategy, an associated consultation period of no less than 6 weeks, consideration of comments and incorporation of any appropriate amendments prior to submission of the final document to the Secretary of State for examination for 'soundness'.

Members of Cabinet were provided with a copy of the draft Core Strategy. Cabinet was also provided with copies of the Sustainability Appraisal, the Appropriate Assessment, a Statement of Consultation and an Infrastructure Strategy which all accompanied the Core Strategy.

Cabinet discussed the draft Core Strategy. In particular, Members discussed the information at Section 8 – Core Strategy Policy 3 (CS3): Sustainable Living. Members raised concerns in relation to the wording of point 7 as they considered that reference should be made to specific criteria and also that it should be linked to the other Tees Valley authorities. Cabinet requested that Officers amend the wording of point 7.

Cabinet also discussed the information at Section 12 - Core Strategy Policy 8 (CS8): Housing Mix and Affordable Housing Provision. The mix of affordable housing of 30% intermediate and 70% social rented tenures as the starting point for negotiations was discussed (point 7). Members considered that there should be greater emphasis on providing social

housing to rent rather than buy.

It was requested that Hardwick Dene and Elm Tree be added as a site of nature importance at paragraph 13.4 of section 13 – Core Strategy Policy 10 (CS10): Environmental Enhancement.

It was also requested that a reference to “Percent for Art” be included at the appropriate part of the document.

Cabinet requested that the major changes to the draft Core Strategy following the consultation period be brought back to a meeting of Cabinet prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Core Strategy Development Plan Document be agreed for publication, consultation and submission to the Secretary of State subject to the comments of Cabinet outlined above.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning Services with Lead Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport to make any necessary amendments associated with the publication process, prior to submitting the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State.
2. The major changes to the draft Core Strategy, following the consultation period, be brought back to Cabinet prior to its submission to the Secretary of State.

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. Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Core Strategy is a development plan document that will set out the Council’s vision and spatial strategy for meeting known and anticipated development requirements. The time horizon of the Core Strategy should be at least 15 years from the date of adoption.

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development frameworks states the “Local planning authorities should prepare development plan documents taking into consideration the process of continuous community involvement.....and should front load the preparation of development plan documents by facilitating early involvement and securing inputs from the community and all stakeholders”.

It is necessary to seek the approvals from Cabinet prior to its formal presentation to Council in later this month.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nelson declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest as he was a member on the Tristar Board.

Councillor Lupton declared a personal/non-prejudicial interest as he was the Director of the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Friday 22 August 2008, in respect of the resolution only.

Proper Officer  
18 August 2008