

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting4th December 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Annual Monitoring Report 2007/08
Local Development Framework

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that informed of the completion of the fourth Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), prior to it being submitted to the Secretary of State before the end of December 2008. The AMR also included the schedule of policies from Local Plan Alteration Number 1 which Cabinet had agreed required saving beyond March 2009. Members were provided with a copy of the Annual Monitoring Report which was based upon the period from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Members of Cabinet 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.

Cabinet was given details of the key findings of the 2007/08 Annual Monitoring Report.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2007/08 be endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Local planning authorities must prepare a Local Development Framework

(LDF) which comprises a folder of Local Development Documents (LDDs) for delivering the spatial strategy for the area (as opposed to the old single plan covering the whole of the authority's area). LDDs comprise Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents, which expand policies set out in development plan documents or provide additional detail.

The documents produced as part of the LDF must be founded on a robust and credible evidence base. 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 inform any amendments to the Local Development Scheme.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

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

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Not Applicable

Proper Officer
08 September 2008