

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....5th March 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

2. Record of the Decision

Members were provided with a report that sought agreement to consult with key stakeholders on the updated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. The report was provided to members. It was explained that the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report recorded the process of deciding on the scope and level of detail for the Sustainability Appraisal of emerging planning documents which would make up the Local Development Framework. This would be a tool to be used to appraise the emerging Local Development Framework proposals and policies using the ten Sustainability Appraisal objectives that reflected the key sustainability issues within the Borough.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. the contents of the report be noted.
2. the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for consultation with key stakeholders be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, Sustainability Appraisals were now required for all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Plan Documents. The purpose of sustainability appraisals was to ensure local planning authorities fulfil their obligations to the contribution of sustainable development in the preparation of their plans.

The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping report had been produced in accordance with the "Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Frameworks" document which was published by the Government to satisfy the requirements of the European Directive EC/2001/42 for Strategic Environmental Assessments and Sustainability Appraisals through a single appraisal process that

considers economic and social as well as environmental effects. Stage A5 of the process was to consult with key stakeholders to give them the opportunity to comment on the scope and level of detail

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

Proper Officer  
10 March 2009