

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th April 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Local Development Framework: Submission Version Core Strategy, Schedule of Comments and Revised Habitats Regulations Assessment.

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report relating to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document.

It was explained that the Core Strategy DPD was the key document in the new Local Development Framework (LDF) and would provide strategic planning policies for the Borough. It was noted that Members had agreed previous versions of the document for consultation purposes; Issues and Options in March 2006; Preferred Options in June 2007; and the Publication Draft in August 2008. The next stage in the process was for the Core Strategy to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. At Cabinet in August 2008, members resolved that prior to submission; major changes to the Core Strategy should be brought back to Cabinet.

Cabinet was presented with the Submission Version of the Core Strategy with proposed changes highlighted in track changes mode, a separate schedule of all comments made to the Publication Draft and how they had been dealt with and the Habitat Regulations Assessment. Cabinet was informed that the Habitat Regulations Assessment had been amended since publication to acknowledge comments submitted by Natural England and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Cabinet was given details of the submission stage. It was explained that once the proposed changes had been agreed, the Publication Draft Core Strategy and a Schedule of Proposed Changes would be submitted to PINS and dates for the independent examination would be arranged. It was proposed to submit the Core Strategy to PINS in May 2009.

RECOMMENDED to Council that:-

1. The Proposed Changes to the Publication Draft Core Strategy be endorsed and;

2. How comments made to the Core Strategy in response to the Publication Consultation have be dealt with be endorsed;
3. The findings of the Habitats Regulations Assessment be endorsed; and,
4. Any further minor amendments to documents prior to submission to the Secretary of State be delegated to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure members are aware of and agree to any Proposed Changes to the Submission Version Core Strategy.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cunningham declared a personal, non-prejudicial in interest in respect of this item as a result of his role on the Regional Development Agency.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

Proper Officer
20 April 2009