

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting8th July 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Local Development Framework: Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to changes made to the updated Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report as a result of consultation with key stakeholders as follows:-

- Natural England
- Environment Agency
- English Heritage
- Sport England
- One North East.

The Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report recorded the process of deciding on the scope and level of detail for the Sustainability Appraisal of emerging Development Plan Documents that 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 reflect the key sustainability issues within the Borough.

RECOMMENDED that Council agree the content of the Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Report.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, Sustainability Appraisals were required for all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Plan Documents. The Planning Act 2008 removed the requirement for appraisals to be carried out on all Supplementary Plan Documents, but the requirement remains for Development Plan Documents. The purpose of sustainability appraisals is 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 has 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 is to consult with key stakeholders to give them the opportunity to comment on the scope and level of detail. This consultation exercise was carried out in April 2009 and the report has been revised as a result.

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
12 July 2010