

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....20th December 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

- Preferred Options Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD): Progress
- &
- Study to Review Core Strategy Housing Strategy
- Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide: Consultation Draft
- Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Provision in Developments: Consultation Draft
- Annual Monitoring Report 2009/2010

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that dealt with 5 aspects of the Local Development Framework:-

- Preferred Options Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD): Progress
- Study to Review Core Strategy Housing Strategy
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It was explained that a draft of the Preferred Options version of the

Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD) had been prepared, and it set out the Council's preferred policies and sites for development in the Borough up to 2026, in accordance with the strategic policies contained in the adopted Core Strategy. Members noted that the document, and associated documents, had been drafted for consideration through the Council's democratic processes in readiness for consultation and publicity early next year.

However, the current economic situation, malaise in the development industry and uncertainties in higher level planning and central government funding policy might have implications for the direction and policy with specific reference to housing in Core Strategy, whose impact may in turn filter through to the Regeneration DPD. Given this it was suggested that a study be undertaken to assess the need to review the housing element of Stockton's Core Strategy, and that if the study revealed that a review was necessary, a further report be brought to Cabinet setting out a work programme and timetable for approval.

As any changes in the direction, approach and fine detail of the Core Strategy may have implications for the progress and content of the Regeneration DPD, Members were asked for a temporary delay to the programmed consultation in respect of the Preferred Options version of the DPD to ensure that any changes were properly incorporated into the Regeneration DPD.

Approval was sought for the content of the documents and agreement to a six-week period of consultation and publicity for Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide (SPD1) and Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Provision in Developments (SPD3). The precise dates were to be determined, but it was expected to be during February/March 2011.

It was noted that Cabinet previously approved the Issues and Options version of the Environment DPD 30 September 2010 (Cabinet Decision record number D100111) for consultation and this would run concurrently with SPD1 and SPD3.

Cabinet was asked to approve the content of the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/2010 (AMR) and for its submission to the Secretary of State.

**RECOMMENDED to Council:-**

1. A temporary delay to the publication, consultation and publicity in respect of the Preferred Options version of the Regeneration DPD be agreed.

2. Officers undertake a study to decide whether a review of the housing element of the Core Strategy is necessary.
3. if the study reveals that a review was necessary, a further report would be brought setting out a work programme and timetable for approval.
4. The contents, publicity and consultation in respect of Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide (SPD1) and Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Provision in Developments (SPD3) be approved and endorsed.
5. the content of the Annual Monitoring Report 2009/2010 (AMR) be agreed and endorsed.
6. the consultation and publicity in respect of the Environment DPD will run concurrently with SPD1 and SPD3 be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD)

A delay in the publication, consultation and publicity in respect of the Preferred Options version of the Regeneration DPD to allow time to undertake a study to determine the need to review the housing element of the adopted Stockton on Tees Core Strategy, may well impact on the content and direction of the Regeneration DPD. The Local Development Scheme would need to be altered.

Study to Review the Core Strategy Housing Strategy

Changes in the economic and political landscape may have an impact on the Council's adopted Core Strategy housing strategy. The study would determine the significance of those changes and whether they necessitated a review of the housing element of the Core Strategy and refinement of other related policies.

Supplementary Planning Document 1: Sustainable Design Guide (SPD1) and Supplementary Planning Document 3: Parking Provision in Developments (SP3).

SPD 1 and SPD 3 were new Council planning policy documents. Cabinet agreement was required to publish and consult upon those documents as part of the progress to final adoption by the Council.

Annual Monitoring Review 2009/2010 (AMR)

The policies contained within Local Development Framework (LDF) must have a robust and credible evidence base, and the AMR is a means of assessing whether policies are performing as intended and whether targets are being met. As well as monitoring the effectiveness of existing policies, it would also contribute to the development of new policies in the future. Cabinet endorsement of the findings of the AMR and agreement to submit to the Secretary of State was required as the document 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

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Midnight on 30th December 2010

Proper Officer  
23 December 2010