

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting16th June 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Core Strategy Review

2. Record of the Decision

Members noted that as a result of the economic situation, malaise in the development industry and uncertainties in higher level planning and central government's funding policy a review of the housing element of the Adopted Core Strategy is necessary, and the detail of that Review and Issues and Options arising for consideration are to be found in the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) Review Issues and Options Document (the DPD Review Document).

Cabinet considered a report that summarised the main detail of the DPD Review Document, and noted that a Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy Issues and Options would accompany the Review Document. It sought consideration and approval of those documents for consultation, delegation of authority to officers to make minor changes to those documents prior to consultation and advised of the next steps towards Preferred Options and submission for independent examination. The DPD Review Document was provided to members, however, the Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options were substantial documents and had therefore been made available for inspection in the Member's Library.

The report also advised that the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report of the Core Strategy Review was prepared earlier this year and consulted upon in March 2011. This document had informed the Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options, and required adoption by the Council; this report also sought Members' agreement to adopt the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report. This was also a substantial document and a copy had been made available in the Members' Library.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

1. the contents of the report be noted.

2. the Core Strategy Development Plan Document Review Issues and Options Document, Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options be approved for consultation;

3. a period of public consultation upon the Core Strategy Development Plan Document Review Issues and Options Document, Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options be agreed.

4. the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report of the Core Strategy Review be adopted.

5. Delegated authority be given to Officers to undertake any necessary minor amendments to the contents of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document Review Issues and Options Document Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and Options prior to the public consultation period.

3. Reasons for the Decision

There was a statutory duty under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for local authorities to review matters, which may affect the development of their area or planning of development, and accordingly review and adopt a development plan for their respective areas. The Adopted Stockton on Tees Core Strategy was the development plan document that set out the Council's vision and spatial strategy for meeting known and anticipated development requirements to 2026.

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development frameworks states the "Local planning authorities should prepare development plan documents taking into consideration the process of continuous community involvement...and should front load the preparation of development plan documents by facilitating early involvement and securing inputs from the community and all stakeholders".

Following a scoping exercise undertaken by officers, the housing element of the adopted Core Strategy has been examined and found to be in need of review and revision. It was necessary to seek approval of the Core Strategy Review Issues and Options Document, the accompanying Habitats Regulations Assessment of Core Strategy Review Issues and Options and Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy Issues and

Options for consultation and to adopt the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report of the Core Strategy Review to allow progress towards independent examination and adoption of a revised housing element of the Core Strategy for Stockton on Tees.

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
20 June 2011