

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**18 JANUARY 2012**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT**

**SUMMARY**

This report informs Members of the completion of the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2010/2011. A draft version of the report has been submitted to the Secretary of State in order to meet the 31 December 2011 deadline for the submission of AMRs. The AMR contains information about how the Council has performed against its Local Development Scheme and, following the adoption of the Core Strategy in March 2010, it also assesses progress against the Local Development Framework's (LDF) objectives using locally specific targets and indicators.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council endorses the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2010/11.

**DETAIL**

**Background**

1. The AMR documents the Council's progress in meeting the timetable set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS) and outlines the context of spatial planning and the LDF in Stockton. This AMR reports on the first year of the adopted Core Strategy and progress towards implementing policies, fulfilling objectives and achieving the Core Strategy's vision for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. It is based on the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011, known as the 'reporting year'.
2. The AMR reports progress against both Core and Local Output Indicators for to the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 (the reporting year) wherever the relevant information is available. The AMR concludes that in most areas, progress is being made towards the LDF's objectives and this will increase as the Core Strategy and future DPDs are established as Council policy. The information gathered for the AMR represents a firm foundation of baseline data which will inform the development of future DPDs and SPDs.
3. In subsequent years, it is anticipated that the AMR will become an Authority Monitoring Report, in accordance with the Localism Bill and its draft regulations. Councils will be required to write a report for local people on key issues to be determined locally. Minimum information to be included in monitoring will include net additional affordable housing, Community Infrastructure Levy receipts, the number of neighbourhood plans that have been adopted, and action taken under the duty to co-operate. Where possible, this information has been included in this AMR. The new regulations will also

require monitoring information to be made available online and in council offices, as soon as it becomes available.

4. The Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2010/2011 is available through the e-genda system on the Council's website at the following location: <http://www.egenda.stockton.gov.uk/aksstockton/images/att16266.doc>.
5. Cabinet considered the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report at its meeting on 1 December 2011 and recommended that Council note and endorse the document. A copy of the relevant Cabinet minute is attached as an **appendix** to this report.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The production and distribution of the Annual Monitoring Report can be met within existing budgetary arrangements.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to produce Local Development Frameworks, which consist of a portfolio of local development documents (LDDs) setting out spatial planning policies for a defined area. This includes Annual Monitoring Reports.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

8. The Annual Monitoring Report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

#### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

9. The Local Development Framework is key to implementing the spatial aspects of the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Annual Monitoring Report assesses the extent to which the Local Development Framework is achieving these objectives.

#### **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

10. The Annual Monitoring Report monitors the impact of Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents, all of which are subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment prior to adoption.

#### **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

11. The AMR is equally applicable in all parts of the Borough, therefore there was no consultation with specific wards or ward councillors.

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## APPENDIX

**Cabinet Minute Number: CAB 95/11**

**Title:- Local Development Framework: Annual Monitoring Report**

**Minute Details:-**

Members noted the completion of the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2010/2011, prior to it being submitted to the Secretary of State before the end of December 2011.

The AMR contained information about how the Council had performed against its Local Development Scheme and, following the adoption of the Core Strategy in March 2010, it also assessed progress made against the Local Development Framework's objectives using locally specific targets and indicators.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that it notes and endorses the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2010/11.**