

Local Development Framework Steering Group

A meeting of the Local Development Framework Steering Group was held on Monday 19th June, 2006.

Present:- Councillor Cook (Chairman), Councillors Mrs Beaumont, Cherrett, Kirton (Vice Councillor Leonard), Lupton, Mrs O'Donnell, Stoker.

Officers:- Jane Elliott (DNS); Miss F Shayler (LD).

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Leonard, Narroway, Nelson and Walmsley.

Terms of Reference

Members were requested to consider the Terms of Reference for the Group that had been established to facilitate the LDF preparation. The purpose of the group was to work with officers in preparing LDF documents and advise the Planning Committee, Cabinet and Council on the content of the LDF and its constituent documents.

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Local Development Framework Steering Group be agreed.

Dates of Meetings

Members were requested to agree a programme of monthly meetings for the remainder of the Municipal year 2006/07.

RESOLVED that's meetings be held monthly for the remainder of the Municipal year 2006/07.

Preparation of the Local Development Framework Documents

The new development planning system was introduced in September 2004 following the implementation of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The LDF would replace the Stockton on Tees Local Plan 1997. The LDF would be made up from a series of documents. The first to be produced was the Local Development Scheme (LDS) which set out the timetable for the preparation of the development plan documents for the borough. There was a requirement to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR), a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), Local Development Documents (LDDs) which consist of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

The main tasks of the Steering Group would be to:-

- Consider the results of the AMR on an annual basis
- Have input in the preparation of 'Issues and Options' papers associated with the DPDs
- Consider the results of the consultation exercises and recommend options to be taken forward to the preferred options stage
- Consider Sustainability appraisals to ensure sustainable development is at the heart of the development proposals and policies

A presentation was provided to members on the preparation of the documents and member involvement with this process.

RESOLVED that the content of the report and presentation be noted.

Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Local Development Framework

Members were updated on the current position with the consultation exercise relating to the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper.

Public consultation began formally on 10 May 2006, as part of the consultation exercise comments from the following had been sought:-

- Stockton Renaissance and the Area Partnership Boards
- NE Assembly, Highways Agency, GO North East, and a range of statutory and non statutory organisations
- Adjoining Local Authorities
- Parish Councils and neighbouring adjoining Parish Councils
- Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association
- Members of the Residents' Viewpoint Panel
- Members of the Public/groups/organisations who specifically requested to be kept informed and who details were held on a consultation database

Copies of all of the documents had been placed in public libraries, council's internet site and adverts placed in both the Evening Gazette and Herald and Post. Comments in writing were requested by 21st June 2006. There will be flexibility on the deadline whilst waiting for comments from some of the above groups.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.