

Local Development Framework Steering Group

A meeting of the Local Development Framework Steering Group was held on Tuesday 1st August, 2006.

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

Officers:- Mrs J Elliott , Mrs R Young (DNS); Miss F Shayler (LD).

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 19th June 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

Core Strategy Issues and Options: Consultation Responses Local Development Framework

Members were provided with a report that set out the responses to the consultation exercise carried out in relation to the Core Strategy Issues and Options, and the consideration of these taking the process forward to the Core Strategy Preferred Options.

The Vision

Members gave consideration to the responses to Question 1. The Vision: Do you think that the Vision set out in paragraph 3.3 is a suitable base for a Core Strategy? As well as giving consideration to some examples of other authorities visions. Members felt that the following amendments should be made:-

- Make the vision more aspirational
- To be clearer on the meaning of 'associated facilities', expand to make reference to leisure, recreational and cultural facilities
- Include reference to the River Tees and the Borough's historic assets (local focus)
- Reword reference to housing provision, omitting reference to 'decent and affordable' and referring to range of housing to meet all needs.
- Reference to sustainable transport

Officers would reword and bring back to a future meeting, for further comments.

The Objectives

Members gave consideration to the responses to Question 2. Objectives: Do you agree with the Terms and objectives suggested in Table 1 on page 9?

Members felt that the following amendments/comments should be included:-

- Maintaining schools in local areas
- Improving transport links into and out of the borough.
- Reference to the cultural aspects of Stockton
- Sustainable development and sustainable forms of transport.
- Recreational/economic value of River Tees
- Reference to open space for recreation
- Rewording to Objective 10 (Omit reference to objective 13).

It was felt that the above comments needed to be incorporated and some text describing the objective should be added following each individual objective.

Officers would redraft and bring back to a future meeting, for further comments.

Key Issues

Consideration was given to Question 3. Do you agree that the Key Issues (1-7) in paragraph 5.4 have been correctly identified? Members overall agreed that the Key issues had been identified correctly. Transportation was discussed but further details on this issue would emerge once Members had moved to the preferred option stage. The Key Issues would be revisited at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The comments from the Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation, in relation to the proposed Vision, themes and objectives be noted.
3. The amendments as detailed be incorporated within the Core Strategy Issues and Options in relation to the proposed Vision, themes and objectives and brought back to a future meeting.