

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO PLANNING  
COMMITTEE**

**23 November 2011**

**CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2010/2011**

**SUMMARY**

1. This report informs Members of 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 contains information about how the Council has performed against its Local Development Scheme and assesses progress against the Local Development Framework's objectives using locally specific targets and indicators.

**DETAIL**

2. Review and monitoring are key aspects of the planning system and should be undertaken on a continuous, pro-active basis. Identifying outputs and trends enables the impact and effectiveness of existing local development document policies to be assessed, as well as informing new policy development.
3. The AMR sets out 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 Annual Monitoring Report is based on the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011, known as the 'reporting year'. It must be submitted to the Secretary of State no later than the end of December 2011.
4. 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. Previous AMRs have been written in accordance with guidance issued by central government, however, the following guidance documents on the production of AMRs were withdrawn in March 2011:
  - Local Development Framework Monitoring: A Good Practice Guide (ODPM, 2005),
  - Annual Monitoring Report FAQs and Emerging Best Practice 2004-05 (ODPM, 2006),
  - Regional Spatial Strategy and Local Development Framework: Core Output Indicators - Update 2/2008 (CLG, 2008).
5. It is therefore a matter for each council to decide what to include in their monitoring reports while ensuring that they are prepared in accordance with relevant UK and EU legislation. Because the Core Indicators were removed at the end of the reporting year, this 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.

4. 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. Key actions for the Spatial Planning Team for 2011/2012 include:
  - Ensuring Local Indicators set out in the Core Strategy are suitable, measurable and effective
  - Developing effective indicators to monitor the implementation and impact of the policies contained within the Regeneration and Environment DPDs
  - Incorporating indicators from the Joint Tees Valley Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Sites and Policies DPD into the existing monitoring framework
  - Using the Single Data List published by central government to ensure that information collect by other Council services is included in the AMR where it is relevant to planning.
5. In subsequent years, it is anticipated that the AMR will become an Authority Monitoring Report, in accordance with the Localism Bill and the draft Local Planning Regulations. These regulations will remove the requirement to prepare a monitoring report for the Secretary of State. Instead, Councils will be required to write a report for local people on key issues to be determined locally. New regulation 39 prescribes minimum information to be included in monitoring reports beyond current regulation 48, including 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 Annual Monitoring Report. The new regulations will also require monitoring information to be made available online and in council offices, as soon as it becomes available.
6. The Annual Monitoring Report 2010/2011 is available in the Members' Library and on the Electronic Members' Library (accessible through the Council Intranet).

#### **NEXT STEPS**

7. Following consideration by Planning Committee the report will be referred to Cabinet on 8 December 2011 for Members agreement. The AMR will then be submitted to the Secretary of State before 31 December 2011.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Members are recommended to: -
  - i) Note and endorse the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2010/1.

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**Background Papers**

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004  
Planning Act 2008  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004  
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008  
Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (2008)

**Financial Implications** – Any Financial Implications are accounted for in the existing Spatial Planning Budget.

**Environmental Implications** – The AMR contains a number of indicators relating to Environmental Quality.

**Community Safety Implications** – The AMR does not contain any indicators which directly relate Community Safety.

**Human Rights Implications** – The provisions of the European Convention of Human Rights 1950 has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

**Ward and Ward Councillors** – The AMR is equally relevant to all wards