

# Local Development Framework Steering Group

A meeting of Local Development Framework Steering Group was held on Monday, 14th May, 2012.

**Present:** Cllr Michael Smith (Chairman), Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Phillip Dennis, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr David Rose, Cllr Mick Stoker

**Officers:** D Bage, M Clifford, J Dixon, I Nicholls, C Straughan, R Young (DNS); T Harrison (LD)

**Also in attendance:** No other persons were present

**Apologies:** None

## **LDF 1/12**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **LDF 2/12**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2012**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

Further to Members' request to have the results of the Planning for Housing (Core Strategy Review Issues and Options) Consultation analysed by Electoral Ward, officers distributed a briefing note as requested.

Members were informed that whilst the data for each Electoral Ward had been presented graphically for Members' information, there were a number of caveats to its use. In particular, the comments made alongside the selections indicated that some members of the public had responded based on a very local basis, whilst others had taken a more strategic, Borough wide view. In addition, members of the public were asked to respond to each site individually, rather than to compare the suitability of multiple sites. This, along with the relatively small sample size in some wards, meant that drawing conclusions on a ward by ward basis would not be a sound approach.

AGREED that the minutes be agreed and the information be noted.

## **LDF 3/12**      **Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan: Regeneration & Environment Development Plan Document Preferred Options (DPD).**

Members were provided with a report on the preferred options for the future development of the Borough in relation to housing, employment, the economy, town centres, the provision of facilities, transport, sustainable living and the natural and historic environment.

The Regeneration and Environment Development Plan Document (DPD) was an amalgamation of several documents which, under the title of Stockton-on-Tees Local Development Framework, were originally intended to be prepared separately. These documents were the Regeneration DPD, the Environment DPD and the Yarm and Eaglescliffe Area Action Plan. Each of these

documents were at the same stage of preparation, having completed Issues and Options consultations and they were all moving on to the preferred options stage in the process of plan preparation. It would also incorporate the outcome of the Core Strategy Review (the Planning for Housing consultation), which was a focused review of the adopted Core Strategy's spatial approach to housing allocations.

Members of Local Development Framework Steering Group views were sought which would form the basis of the preferred options.

Members provided comment and requested officers further consideration of:

- Members concerns on the sustainability of Housing allocated at Wynyard and the impact of development in Hartlepool
- Port Related developments adjacent the River and the widening of restrictions to allow general employment uses that did not necessarily have a port element.
- whether Bowesfield Lane should be included as a neighbourhood centre.
- Firmer definition of the term 'farm diversification' to prevent justification for inappropriate development in the countryside.

Members also asked for an update on the position relating to the local list.

AGREED that:

1. the report be noted.
2. the final versions of the Regeneration and Environment Development Plan Document Preferred Options, its supporting documentation (Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Infrastructure Plan, draft Proposals Map, Consultation statement) be brought to the next LDF Member Steering Group for Members to make their final views known on the documents before consultation with Planning Committee and referral to Cabinet and Full Council for decision.