

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Cabinet

### Date: 8 April 2013

#### ITEM 5

Title: Report from  
Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee – Core  
Strategy Sub-Group  
Interim  
Recommendations

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Community and Regulatory  
Services

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley

Cllr George  
Westwater

Report from: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wards affected: All

#### PART 1

##### 1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to present a recommendation from Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Core Strategy and Area Action Plans.

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, this report gives written notice of the recommendation. Cabinet is required to consider the recommendation and must provide a response to the Overview and Scrutiny within 2 months of the date of this meeting. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts the recommendation and the reasons for the decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

##### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Delay the timescale for the publication and public engagement on the Consultation Draft version of the Core Strategy, which was scheduled to begin in July 2013, by up to 3 months. This will allow information from a number of imminent reviews/assessments to be available and taken into account in advance of the consultation; and
- 2) Delay the publication of the Area Action Plans until the overarching core strategy is further developed.

##### 1.3 Forward plan:

The report was included in the forward plan for the period 27 March to 30 June 2013 under the matters arising from Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its sub committees heading.

## 1.4 Council plan and policy framework

This report relates to the Council Strategic Plan for 2012/15 and the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13.

The Sustainable Community Strategy identifies 4 priorities: Regeneration, Quality of Life, Best Start in Life and Sense of Place.

Area Action Plans, as part of the Development Plan, form part of the Council's Policy Framework.

## 1.5 Information:

### Background information

The Core Strategy Sub-group was established by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Core Strategy and report findings back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Sub-group to date has met on two occasions and has reviewed information in relation to the themes of Housing and Population, and Employment Land.

The Sub-group has noted that work is about to commence on a number of assessments/reviews which will provide updated evidence for the Core Strategy. These reviews include:

- Strategic Housing Market Assessment
- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
- Employment Land Study
- Viability Assessment
- Infrastructure Development Plan

It is envisaged that much of this information will be available by June 2013. The Sub-group is therefore of the view that the next stage of public consultation on the Core Strategy should be delayed by up to 3 months to allow the consultation document to be based on the most up to date information available.

This would have the following implications for the overall Core Strategy timetable:

Stage	Present LDS	Potential revision
1. Completion of technical studies		Jul 2013
2. Completion of Consultation Draft		Aug 2013
3. Cabinet approval of Consultation Draft	Jun 2013	Sep 2013
4. Publication and public engagement on Consultation Draft	Jul 2013	Oct 2013
5. Cabinet/Council consideration of Publication Draft	Dec 2013 to Jun 2014	Mar 2014 to Sep 2014
6. Publication and formal public engagement	Sep 2014	Nov 2014
7. Submission to Secretary of State	Dec 2014	Feb 2015
8. Examination in Public	Mar 2015	May 2015

The Study Group was also of the view that the Area Action Plans need to be considered in the context of the overall Core Strategy, and therefore that publication of the Area Action Plans should be postponed until the Core Strategy is further developed. The sub-group will continue its work over the coming weeks and aim to report its full findings to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in June 2013. The recommendations set out above were approved by Overview and Scrutiny Committee for submission to Cabinet at its meeting on 2 April 2013.

## 1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet:

### Option 1

Accept the recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Option 2

Reject the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## 1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends Option 1.

The Committee feel that the consultation document should be based on the most up-to-date information available.

## 1.8 Appendices:

None

## 1.9 Contact officers:

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## 1.10 Background information:

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

Core Strategy Sub-group papers: 21 March 2013, 28 March 2013

## PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

## **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial implications at this stage.

## **2.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications at this stage.

## **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

The recommendations propose that the public engagement on the Consultation Draft version of the Core Strategy be delayed to taken account of a number of imminent reviews/assessments.

## **2.4 Human rights**

There are no direct issues relating to human rights arising from this report.

## **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no direct issues relating to equalities and diversity arising from this report.

## **2.6 Risk management**

There are no direct issues relating to risk arising from this report.

## **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no direct issues relating to crime and disorder arising from this report.

## **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no direct issues relating to environment and sustainability arising from this report.

## **PART 3**

The following officers and Members have been sent a copy of the report for their information:

- Chief Executive
- Mayor/Cabinet Member
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer