

Local Development Framework Core Strategy Progress Report		Agenda No: 6
<p>Corporate Priority: Environment is clean and green, business is encouraged and local economy prospers, housing and transport meet local needs</p> <p>Report presented by: Eleanor Dash</p> <p>Report prepared by: Eleanor Dash</p>		
Background Papers: Core Strategy Submission Draft		Public Report
<p>Options: To delegate approval of wording changes to the Core Strategy to the Head of Planning in consultation with the LDF Panel Chairman. Not to delegate approval of wording changes to the Core Strategy .</p>		<p>Key Decision: NO</p>
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <p>This report updates Members on current progress with the Core Strategy and proposes delegated approval of wording changes to the Core Strategy, which might be put forward up to and during the Core Strategy hearing.</p>		
<p>Decision: To note progress on the preparation and adoption of the Core Strategy. To delegate approval of wording changes to the Head of Planning in consultation with the LDF Panel Chairman.</p>		
<p>Purpose of Decision: To inform Members of progress on the preparation and adoption of the Core Strategy. To enable officers to make wording changes to the Core Strategy in response to representations, during pre- hearing negotiations and during the hearing itself, provided that these were not major changes and did not change the overall strategy.</p>		
Corporate implications [should be explained in detail]		
Financial:	Costs of the Hearing- (Planning Inspector and Programme Officer costs, plus accommodation and fees for consultants and for legal advice)	
Legal:	Examination is to determine whether Core Strategy is sound and in accordance with planning legislation	
Equalities/Diversity	As set out in the Core Strategy	

Customer Impact:	Members of the public have made representations concerning the Core Strategy
Environment and Climate Change:	As set out in the Core Strategy
Consultation/Community Engagement:	There has been extensive consultation on the Core Strategy
Risks:	That the Core Strategy is found unsound
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Background

The Core Strategy and Focused Changes were submitted to the Secretary of State on 17th January 2011. The Planning Inspectorate have appointed Inspector Mike Moore to conduct the examination to determine whether it is sound. The Inspectorate have also stated that once it is clear what the issues are that need to be examined, it may be decided that another Inspector or Inspectors should be appointed to deal with certain aspects of the examination.

The Council have appointed Andrea Copsey as the Programme Officer. The Programme Officer works for the Planning Inspector making arrangements for the examination and liaising with the Council, persons who have made representations and the Inspector. She has an office at Causeway House, which is separate from the Planning Department. Her contact details have been provided on the Council's website.

The date for the opening of any formal hearing part of the examination will be decided by the Inspector. This is unlikely to be before May 2011. There will also be a pre-examination procedural meeting, which is normally at least 6 weeks before the hearing. The Council has a provisional timetable for the examination of the Core Strategy on the Planning page of its website, as follows:-

Submission of Core Strategy 17.1.11

Pre-Hearing Meeting (Week 8) Week Commencing 14.3.11 (BDC estimate)

Hearing (Week 14) Week Commencing 2.5.11 (BDC estimate)

Inspector's Report received end of July 2011 (BDC estimate)

Adoption by Full Council September 2011 (BDC estimate)

This timetable will be amended as soon as the Inspector sets out his hearing and pre-hearing dates.

Further Focused and Minor Changes to the Core Strategy Submission Draft

In the period up to and during the hearing, it is likely that further wording changes to the Core Strategy may be put forward by objectors, or by Planning Officers on behalf of the Council to resolve objections. (These would be relatively minor changes and would not include any substantial changes, which would alter the main strategy proposals.)

It would not be possible to refer these proposed changes to the Panel for approval in the time available. It is therefore requested that Members delegate approval of wording changes to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Local Development Framework Panel Chairman. These changes would be published on the Council's website.