

Meeting of the Cabinet – 30th June 2010

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Draft Development Strategy Development Plan Document for Public Consultation.

Purpose of Report

1. To seek Cabinet approval for the scoping and issues stage of the Development Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) to proceed to public consultation. (copy available in the Members Room and on the Committee Management Information System (CMIS))

Background

2. The Development Strategy DPD will build on the work carried out for the Black Country Joint Core Strategy and will provide site specific allocations for a variety of uses as well as detailed development strategies for the Regeneration Corridors identified in Dudley Borough by the Black Country Joint Core Strategy.
3. The publication of the scoping and issues document is the first step in preparing the DPD. This period of consultation is the first significant opportunity for both public and stakeholder involvement in the production of the DPD and allows consideration of the range of issues that should be addressed as part of the document.
4. The scoping and issues document addresses the following areas in relation to existing and proposed land uses and development management:
 - Housing
 - Employment
 - Local Centres
 - Nature Conservation, open space and green infrastructure
 - Transport and accessibility proposals
 - Health, Education and community facilities
 - Sport tourism and leisure

The document also highlights cross-cutting issues which influence the built environment and place shaping agenda such as climate change, high quality urban design, the historic environment and environmental protection.
5. The scoping and issues document has been prepared in consultation with other Council Directorates. The document will be available for a statutory 6 week public consultation period to allow consultees to identify any further issues for inclusion or suggest improvements. A copy of the scoping and issues document is available in

6. The consultation period is proposed to commence between 9th July and 20th August 2010. Any representations following the consultation period will be incorporated, if appropriate, into the next stages of the plan process. It is anticipated that the first draft will be published early in 2011 for consultation before being finalised later on in 2011 for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

Finance

7. This scoping and issues document for the Development Strategy DPD will be funded from existing budgets allocated for this purpose.

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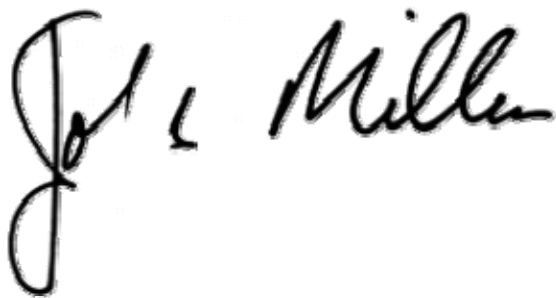
8. In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Development Plan Documents, along with Planning Policy Statements (PPS) are a material consideration in determining planning applications and the Council has a duty to ensure compliance with such policy and guidance as appropriate. Once adopted, following final drafting and submission to the Secretary of State, the Development Strategy DPD will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications and form part of Dudley's Local Development Framework. Work on the DPD is also being undertaken in line with the Town and Country Planning (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.

Equality Impact

9. The main purpose of the DPD is to guide development to ensure that it is located and built in order to achieve the social and economic spatial objectives of the Joint Core Strategy as well as protect and improve the overall environment of the Dudley Borough. This will benefit the wider community and future generations in the Borough, helping achieve sustainable development in line with Council and Government priorities and strategies.

Recommendation

10. The Cabinet approve the Scoping and Issues Development Strategy DPD for publication for a statutory public consultation period of six weeks between the 9th July 2010 and 20th August 2010.



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List of Background Papers

Scoping and Issues Development Strategy Development Plan Document (First draft available from 17th June 2010)