

MEETING:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	21 FEBRUARY 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN
REPORT BY:	COMMITTEE MANAGER (SCRUTINY)

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider Cabinet's recommendations to Council on the preparation of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and arrangements in respect of the Local Transport Plan (LTP).

Recommendation

THAT the Committee considers Cabinet's recommendations to Council on the preparation of the Local Development Framework and arrangements in respect of the Local Transport Plan.

Introduction and Background

1. The report to Cabinet on 17 February is appended. Cabinet's decision will be reported at the meeting.
2. The Committee was scheduled to consider the Local Development Framework at a meeting specifically arranged for that purpose on 17 December. That meeting was cancelled because Council in November 2010 agreed to consider the practicality of conducting a poll as part of the consultative process undertaken in determining the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy. Work was ongoing on that matter and it was considered that it would be pre-emptive to formulate the Core Strategy before the outcome of the poll. As the purpose of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's meeting was to consider the Core Strategy before it went on to the Cabinet and then on to Council it was decided to arrange a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee when the poll had been determined and officers had had the opportunity to review the recommendations in the Core Strategy.
3. A number of questions were submitted to the Committee in advance of the meeting scheduled for 17 December. Those questions received in advance and the answers given to them are appended for reference.

4. In October 2010 the Committee noted that the Chairman of Breinton Parish Council had requested that the Local Development Framework (LDF) process be scrutinised. It was noted at that time that account would be taken of this request in determining the Committee's scheduled consideration of the LDF in December 2010. Specific points raised in requesting an investigation of the whole process of the LDF Consultation were: in particular "why consultation is ongoing when (1) results of the previous consultation have not yet been completed and (2) when important reports which should provide supporting evidence of the robustness of the Council's Preferred options (such as the Habitats Regulations Assessment report and the infrastructure delivery report) are not currently available, even though the consultation has been ongoing now for nearly 3 weeks."
5. Given the content of the report to Cabinet it is considered that no purpose would be served at this stage by engaging in a detailed consideration of the LDF and LTP. It is therefore proposed that the questions received to date are noted and held in abeyance for future discussion, along with the request referred to in paragraph 4 above, when the Committee gives formal consideration to a report on the detail of both the LDF and LTP.

Appendices

Questions submitted in advance of the Committee's scheduled meeting on 17 December and answers given/comment made.

Background Papers

- None identified.