

Report of	Meeting	Date
Head of Development and Regeneration  (Introduced by Cllr A. Lowe Executive Member for Development and Planning & Cllr D Edgerley Executive Member for Customers, Policy and Performance.)		16 November 2005
	Local Development Framework and Community Strategy Working Group	1 December 2005
	Executive Cabinet	13 December 2005
	Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15 December 2005

## **SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES- PREFERRED OPTIONS DOCUMENT AND DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek Members endorsement for the attached drafts of the Preferred Options Document and Supplementary Planning Document on Sustainable Resources that will form part of the Local Development Framework.

### **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

2. The production and implementation of the policies to be contained within the Sustainable Resources Development Plan Document and the use of the Supplementary Planning Document will have a direct link to a cleaner and greener Borough.

### **RISK ISSUES**

3. The issues raised and recommendations made in this report involve risk considerations in the following categories:

Strategy		Information	
Reputation	■	Regulatory/Legal	■
Financial	■	Operational	■
People		Other	

4. Members may be aware that the Council has committed itself to the production of a number of Local Development Framework Planning Documents at specific times within its Local Development Scheme published last March.
5. Document production "Milestones" have been set out which are required to be met otherwise there is a risk that the Council would be penalised in its Planning Delivery Grant settlement. Its reputation would also be damaged if the Council was unable to conform to a publicly set out timetable. Therefore, given the other work commitments on the Local Development Framework it is important that these documents be finalised prior to

Christmas ready for public consultation in March of 2006. The documents aim to clarify when regulatory approvals are required- such as planning permission and listed building consent and will also have implications for the Council in how the authority uses energy etc as we ought to be implementing the good practice the documents are promoting.

## **BACKGROUND**

6. Members will be aware, following the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, that the former Development Plan system has been replaced. No longer are drafts of all the policies published in one Local Plan and consulted upon at Consultation and Deposit Draft stages with subsequent changes to wording made in response to representations. The preparation stages for documents under the new planning system are:
  - Issues and Options
  - Preferred Options
  - Submission
7. The new Planning system is intended to be “front loaded”. In September last year the Council was one of the first planning authorities to publish its Local Development Framework Issues and Options Report which drew on the work of the Community Strategy. These issues informed the production of the Local Development Scheme in March 2005 which sets out a timetable for a number of Development Plan as well as Supplementary Planning Documents (formerly known as Supplementary Planning Guidance). The Preferred Options stage is intended to give local people and organisations the opportunity to comment on how the local planning authority is approaching the preparation of the particular Document, including a broad outline of proposed policies. This stage also aims to ensure that the local planning authority is aware of all possible other options as suggested by respondents before we prepare the Submission stage document. (This is the stage at which representations are laid before an Inspector who then produces a binding report into the soundness of the plan.)
8. A Sustainability Appraisal Report must accompany the publication of Documents and this work is in hand.

## **CONTENT OF DOCUMENTS**

9. The documents set out the preferred policy options to enable the Council to undertake its responsibility to promote sustainable development in relation to reducing carbon emissions, and to manage water supplies. The reduction of carbon emissions includes the whole development process from the location of a development; the materials it is built from; to the source of energy it uses and how it disposes of its waste. It also covers the balancing of the impacts of the generation of renewable energy from stand-alone schemes and the contribution to reducing carbon emissions.
10. The draft Supplementary Planning Document gives detailed information to support the above and helps to promote renewable energy generation in line with the requirement for local authorities set out in PPS22. It contains indicative maps derived from the Opportunities for Renewable Energy in Chorley Study Report undertaken by Renewables Northwest and Sustainability Northwest.

## **COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

11. This report has no apparent HR implications.

## **COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

12. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### RECOMMENDATION

13. That the Executive Cabinet endorse the draft documents and approve it for consultation and community involvement purposes subject to ratification by Full Council with any necessary minor textural amendments delegated to the Head of Development and Regeneration.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

14. None.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

15. To ensure that the Council fulfils its commitment set out in the Local Development Scheme to produce such documents in a timely fashion.

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There are no background papers to this report.

<b>Background Papersc</b>			
<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
Opportunities for Renewable Energy in Chorley	July 2005	***	Gillibrand Street Office*
Draft Supplementary Planning Document	November 2005		
Preferred Options Report-Sustainable Resources	November 2005		

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