



Report of	Meeting	Date
The Central Lancashire LDF Coordinator	Central Lancashire LDF Joint Advisory Committee	11 September 2012

## **CORE STRATEGY AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS - UPDATE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Members as to the current position in relation to the Core Strategy and Supplementary Planning Documents.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. That the report be noted.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT**

#### **Core Strategy**

3. Following the adoption of the Core Strategy by the last of the three Councils, South Ribble on the 18 July 2012, The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, required that as soon as reasonably practical following adoption that an 'Adoption Statement' was displayed on the websites and at the offices of the adopting authorities. This requirement was complied with.
4. It is also a requirement within the Adoption Statement in accordance with Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to include details of the grounds and timescales in respect of which any person aggrieved by the Core Strategy may make an application to the High Court. Application must be made within 6 weeks of the relevant date which in this instance was the 18 July. Six weeks have now passed without challenge and it is now the intention to proceed to publish the final adopted document.

#### **Supplementary Planning Documents**

5. Following the period of consultation in relation to the five SPD'S during the period 18 April to 30 May 2012 the individual authors across the three councils have assessed the responses and where considered appropriate are actively working to amend and update the documents, to then circulate across the councils for consideration, to then allow adoption.

6. It is therefore the intention to present the SPD's to the Council meetings on the following dates for adoption, Chorley 25 September, South Ribble 18 October, Preston 25 October 2012.

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

7. To keep Members up dated.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

8. None

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### **Core Strategy**

9. The three Central Lancashire Authorities, Preston, South Ribble and Chorley adopted the Central Lancashire Core Strategy, on 5 July, 18 July and 17 July 2012, respectively.
10. In accordance with the recommendations of the Core Strategy Examination Inspector Mr Richard. E. Hollox, the two main modifications he suggested to enable the Authorities to adopt the plan have been incorporated into the final document. These modifications being the 'housing related changes' and a model policy stating the presumption in favour of sustainable development, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework.
11. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, require that as soon as reasonably practical following adoption that an 'Adoption Statement', is displayed on the websites and at the offices of the adopting councils.
12. The 'Adoption Statement', advised that the text of the Adopted Core Strategy along with a copy of the Publication Version of the Core Strategy showing the tracked changes between it and the Adopted Core Strategy was available for inspection.
13. It is also a requirement of the 'Adoption Statement', in accordance with Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to include details and the timescales in which any person aggrieved by the Core Strategy may make an application to the High Court. This is on grounds that:
  - (a) The document is not within the appropriate power (this refers to Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 which relates to 'Local Development')
  - (b) A procedural requirement has not been complied with
14. In this circumstance application must be made not later than the end of the period of six weeks starting with the relevant date. In this instance the relevant date was the 18<sup>th</sup> July, which was the date when the last of the three authorities adopted the Core Strategy. This six week period has now passed without challenge and it is therefore the intention to proceed with the publishing of the final Core Strategy document.

##### **Supplementary Planning Documents**

15. Five Supplementary Planning Documents have been prepared jointly between the three authorities. Supplementary Planning Documents were introduced by the Planning and

Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as part of the reforms to the planning system. Although they do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan, one of the functions of an SPD is to provide further detail on policies and proposals within the Development Plan. SPD's must be consistent with national and regional planning policies as well as those set out in the Development Plan. The documents cover the subject areas below;

1. Affordable Housing
2. Controlling the Re-use of Employment Premises
3. Rural Development
4. Access to Healthy Food
5. Design Guide

16. These were subject to a period of consultation between 18 April 2012 and 30 May 2012. Thirty three representations were received. As well as comments specific to the particular SPD a re-occurring theme was the fact that the documents were drafted before the publication of the National Planning Policy Framework and took into account guidance now superseded by the Framework.
17. The authors of the documents have considered the comments made and updated/amended the documents accordingly. The Local Planning Regulations 2012 as above don't require a further period of consultation following these amendments. Therefore, although these documents are still being actively worked upon it is the intention to have the final versions finalised for adoption by the three councils on the following dates;

Chorley	25 September 2012
South Ribble	18 October 2012
Preston	25 October 2012

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Background Papers			
Document	Date	File	Place of Inspection
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