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| Corporate Director (Business)<br>Introduced by the Executive Member (Business) | Executive Cabinet | 04/12/2008 |

## **SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES – DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To seek Members endorsement for the attached draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That Executive Cabinet endorses the draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document and approves it for consultation.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

**(If the recommendations are accepted)**

3. To ensure that the Council fulfils its commitment set out in the Local Development Scheme and to fulfil the recommendation of the Planning Inspector at the Public Examination into the soundness of the Sustainable Resources Development Plan Document.

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

4. None

### **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

5. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

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| Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region |   | Develop local solutions to climate change.                        | ✓ |
| Improving equality of opportunity and life chances   |   | Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live | ✓ |
| Involving people in their communities  | ✓ | Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization       |   |

### **BACKGROUND**

6. The Sustainable Resources Development Plan Document (DPD) was adopted on 23 September 2008. This document contains two policies, the first (SR1) sets out requirements for incorporating sustainable resources into new developments and the second (SR2) sets out criteria for stand-alone renewable energy schemes.

7. A draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was consulted on in March 2006 along with the Sustainable Resources Preferred Options Development Plan Document. This document supplemented the policies in the DPD through the provision of practical advice on how to incorporate the sustainable use of resources into new development.
8. Following the Examination in Public on the Sustainable Resources DPD, which took place in May 2008, the Inspector produced a report concluding that the document is sound subject to a number of minor amendments. Given these amendments the Supplementary Planning Document needed to be updated.

## **REVISED DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

9. The Inspector set out a number of required changes to make the DPD sound, several of these had implications for the SPD.
10. The Inspector required the following sentences to be added to the DPD *“It [The SPD] will also provide advice on how to define a baseline figure for carbon emissions”* and *“Details of how the developer is to submit information on how carbon reduction will be integrated into proposals are included in the Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document.”*
11. As a result of these amendments to the DPD an extra section has been added to the SPD, which sets out details of how to meet the requirements of Policies SR1 and SR2. It provides applicants with a guide of what will be required to satisfy each criterion and how the information should be submitted.
12. A number of other amendments have also been made to the SPD including updating information and making it more user friendly by changing the layout and slimming it down.
13. Detailed information on how to calculate the predicted energy use of a development is included along with information on how to calculate the required reduction in carbon emissions.

## **NEXT STAGES**

14. Subject to approval by Executive Cabinet, consultation on the draft SPD will commence the week beginning 15 December 2008 until 6 February 2009.
15. Following consultation, all representations will be considered and amendments made to the SPD if necessary. Adoption is scheduled for March 2009.

## **CONCLUSION**

16. A draft Sustainable Resources Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared for consultation. This is an update of an earlier draft published in 2006, with more detailed information for applicants on how to satisfy the criteria of the policies in the Sustainable Resources Development Plan Document.
17. The purpose of the Supplementary Planning Document is to provide practical advice and guidance to developers on how to incorporate the sustainable use of resources into new development. It sets out advice; sources of good practice and further detail on how to implement the principles set out in the Development Plan Document policies.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT**

18. This report has no implications.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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