
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 22 NOVEMBER 2010

EX.192/10 CORE STRATEGY KEY ISSUES PAPER
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Economic Development

Subject Matter

The Assistant Director (Economic Development) submitted report ED.36/10 concerning the Core Strategy which was the overarching document in the Local Development Framework (LDF). It set out the future direction for development in Carlisle District over the next 15 - 20 years, together with the parameters / aims for the preparation of other Development Plan documents within the LDF.

The Assistant Director (Economic Development) informed Members that, in order to produce a Core Strategy, it was necessary to establish early on what issues were affecting the area to which it related and identify available options to tackle those issues. He drew Members' attention to the amended draft Key Issues Consultation Paper appended to his report which had been prepared as an initial opportunity to open up discussion. The paper set out the existing relevant strategies and technical studies which formed part of the LDF evidence base and also the spatial portrait of the District, relevant local strategies, key characteristics and facts about settlements, as well as the aims and objectives of other Council and local strategies.

Public consultation was an essential component in the preparation of the LDF and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement set out the minimum consultation required. Formal stages of consultation for the preparation of Development Plan documents were also dictated by regulation, the first formal stage being Regulation 25.

He added that moves were being made towards the new Localism Bill expected before Christmas and, unless there was a significant change in the approach taken as a result thereof, the next stages in the Core Strategy process would be as set out in paragraph 1.11 to report ED.36/10.

In response to a question, the Assistant Director advised that he was conscious of the timetable and Officers would endeavour to speed up the process as far as possible.

The Economic Development Portfolio Holder appreciated the submission of the amended draft Key Issues Paper submitted. She added that a workshop for all Members would take place on 26 November 2010 and that the Executive would monitor the timetable closely.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the draft Core Strategy Key Issues paper be made available for consideration by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel; and that subject to any additional information arising from the Scrutiny Panel, it be reported back to the Executive on 13 December 2010 to consider referral to Council for approval for public consultation on 12 January 2011.

Reasons for Decision

To bring forward work on the Core Strategy by involving the public in identifying the key issues affecting Carlisle in preparation for developing the Issues and Options.