



PORTFOLIO AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Public

Key Decision: Yes

Recorded in Forward Plan: Yes

Inside Policy Framework

Title: CORE STRATEGY KEY ISSUES PAPER
Report of: Assistant Director (Economic Development)
Report reference: ED.44/10

Summary:

This report sets out the additional issues identified at the Overview and Scrutiny workshop and at Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel; the suggested amendments have been made to the draft Key Issues Paper.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Executive consider the additional issues and suggested amendments to the key issues paper identified at the Overview and Scrutiny workshop on 26th November and at Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 2nd December prior to referral to Council on 11th January 2011 for approval for public consultation.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: Executive Report ED.36/10 and Environment and Economy O&S Panel ED.39/10

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

Members of Executive considered report ED.36/10 on the preparation of a draft Core Strategy Key Issues Paper. The report was referred to Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel for its meeting on 2nd December. Additionally Overview and Scrutiny Members requested a workshop open to all City Council members be held on the Local Development Framework (LDF)/Core Strategy and it was considered that it should be timed to coincide with the preparation of the Key Issues Paper. The workshop therefore took place on 26th November.

Whilst an overview of the Core Strategy and Key Issues paper was provided at the workshop, along with information on the evidence base being developed to support the preparation of the LDF Development Plan Documents, very few comments were raised in respect of the Key Issues presented; however it was agreed that any Members who identified issues that had been omitted could raise them at the Panel meeting on 2nd December.

The points raised are summarised in the following list:

- Suggested addition of all grade 1 listed building in the town centre within final paragraph of Economy section of spatial portrait.
- The 80/20 split in distribution of housing between the urban and rural area should be looked at (this will be picked up again at the Issues and Options stage).
- The current approach to house building in the rural area is generally restrictive, consider the potential for more development.
- Issue relating to the distribution and range of housing types/sizes within both the urban and rural area to meet a broad range of housing needs.
- Concern that there is the potential for developing a framework which could stifle development
- Reference to the perception of remoteness, recognise that some people have chosen to live in a particular area because it is remote
- Amend reference in the spatial portrait to perception of remoteness to put it into context and clarify what is meant by perception of remoteness in the issues
- Opportunities for economic development/business development to include the potential for more remote areas.
- Broadband/ICT access
- Move issue 'high levels of employment in lower paid sectors, higher paid sectors under represented' to Economic Issue.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Key Issues consultation is the initial opportunity for wide scale public consultation in the preparation of the Core Strategy.
- 2.2 Responses to the consultation on the key issues paper will feed into the preparation of the Issues and Options consultation which is the first statutory public consultation stage; this is programmed to take place next summer.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Executive consider the additional issues and suggested amendments to the key issues paper identified at the Overview and Scrutiny workshop on 26th November and at Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 2nd December prior to referral to Council on 11th January 2011 for approval for public consultation.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To progress work on the Core Strategy by involving the public in identifying the Key Issues that affect Carlisle in preparation for the developing the options for dealing with them.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – Within the existing resources of the Local Plans and Conservation Section
- Financial – Within the existing resources of the Local Plans and Conservation Section
- Legal – In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and associated provision
- Corporate – The Key Issues Paper addresses both the corporate Issues in identifying drivers of economic viability and forces for change in the environment
- Risk Management – Without the Core Strategy there will be a lack of an up to date Planning Policy Framework.

- Environmental – Environment issues have been identified in this paper
- Crime and Disorder – As well as being identified in the Designing out Crime SPD adopted in November 2009 this paper identifies crime and disorder issues affecting the District.
- Impact on Customers – This will provide an opportunity for Customers to get involved with shaping the Core Strategy.
- Equality and Diversity – Equality and Diversity Issues have been addressed in the Key Issues Paper

Impact assessments

Does the change have an impact on the following?

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?		
Age	Yes	Positive
Disability	Yes	Positive
Race	No	
Gender/ Transgender	No	
Sexual Orientation	No	
Religion or belief	No	
Human Rights	No	
Social exclusion	Yes	Positive
Health inequalities	Yes	Positive
Rurality	Yes	Positive

If you consider there is either no impact or no negative impact, please give reasons:

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