

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**CABINET MEETING**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework:**  
**Core Strategy Revised Issues & Options Paper**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:</b>	All themes
<b>CORPORATE PLAN THEME:</b>	All service themes
<b>KEY PRIORITY:</b>	Forward Planning
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	Councillor Stephen Clee
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<b>APPENDICES:</b>	Appendix 1 – Summaries of responses to Initial Issues & Options Consultation Appendix 2 – Revised Core Strategy Issues & Options Paper Appendix 3 – Draft Consultation Plan  [Appendices 1 - 3 have been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request (see front cover for details)]

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek the Cabinet's endorsement of the Core Strategy: Revised Issues and Options Paper for the purposes of consultation and to approve arrangements for consultation.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE:**

- 2.1 to **APPROVE** the Revised Issues and Options paper attached at Appendix 2 to this report for the purposes of consultation on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan Document: Issues and Options, in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

- 2.2 That the Head of Planning, Health and Environment be given delegated power to format the presentation of the paper for public consultation.**
- 2.3 To approve the arrangements for the Revised Issues and Options Paper Consultation as outlined in the Consultation Plan attached at Appendix 3 to this report.**

### **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2007 Council approved the Core Strategy Issues & Options Paper for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with Regulation 25 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. Consultation on the Paper took place during the summer.
- 3.2 The Local Development Framework (LDF) Review Panel considered the responses received to the Core Strategy Issues & Options Paper Consultation at its meetings held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 respectively. The Panel considered the response schedules in detail.
- 3.3 In response to advice received from Government Office West Midlands (GOWM), officers have prepared a Revised Issues & Options Paper. GOWM advised that a revised paper should be prepared which takes full account of the consultation responses received during the summer. Moreover, the revised consultation paper should examine the key issues in a less topic related, spatial way and develop realistic options to deliver the spatial vision.
- 3.4 The Community & Regeneration Panel received a report on the Revised Issues and Options Paper at its meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January. Prior to this the LDF Core Strategy Review Panel considered the paper in detail at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Paper is attached to this report at Appendix 2.

### **4. CONSULTATION PLAN**

- 4.1 A Draft Consultation Plan for the Revised Issues & Options Paper was reported to C&R Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> January. This was previously considered by the LDF Panel at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Consultation Plan is attached to this report at Appendix 3.
- 4.2 The main focus for consultation on the Revised Paper is on stakeholder engagement and the importance of continuing dialogue with key stakeholders to ensure the deliverability of the Core Strategy. It is therefore proposed that the revised paper should be published on the Council's website at the end of January for a 6-week consultation period. Stakeholders and respondents to the earlier Issues & Options Consultation will be notified of its publication.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The costs of undertaking the consultation can be met from the LDF preparation budget, together with the Planning Delivery Grant.

## **6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 As a Development Plan Document (DPD) the Core Strategy needs to be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. On adoption the Core Strategy will replace parts of the District Local Plan and it will provide the framework for the preparation of subsequent DPDs which will form part of the Local Development Framework.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 In order to minimise the risks of submitting an unsound Core Strategy it is necessary to follow emerging good practice and maintain discussions with GOWM.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

- 8.1 The Revised Issues & Options Paper identifies key issues and challenges from the Spatial Portrait. It contains a number of policy options for delivery of the Core Strategy. The Paper focuses on continuing engagement with stakeholders and takes on board GOWM's advice.

## **9. CONSULTEES**

- 9.1 Head of Community & Partnership Services
- 9.2 Head of Legal & Democratic Services

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 Core Strategy Issues & Options Consultation Paper (July 2007)  
C&R Briefing Papers (13/06/07 & 9/01/07)
- 10.2 LDF Panel Reports and Minutes (23/10/07, 12/11/07 & 17/12/07)