

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 28TH MAY, 2008

**REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY: FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES –
RESPONSE OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Report of the City Solicitor

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To seek the advice and consideration of this Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 28th May, 2008, on the Council's response to further proposed changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) published for consultation by the Government Office North East (GO-NE).
- 1.2 Once the RSS has been published, it will formally become part of the Sunderland development plan and as such it will carry full weight in determining planning applications. In addition, any development plan documents being proposed as part of the Sunderland Local Development Framework, such as the Core Strategy, must conform to adopted RSS policies.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 28th May, 2008, gave consideration to a report of the Director of Development and Regeneration. The report requested the Cabinet to recommend to Council to endorse the response to the further proposed changes to the RSS, as attached in the appendices to the report, which had been forwarded to GO-NE to meet the consultation deadline of 2nd April, 2008.
- 2.2 Copies of the 28th May, 2008 Cabinet agenda were circulated to all Members of the Council.
- 2.3 The Cabinet recommended to Council to endorse the response to the further proposed changes to the RSS, as attached in the appendices to the report of the Director of Development and Regeneration.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The report is referred to this Committee for advice and consideration. The report has also been referred to the Planning and Highways Committee for advice and consideration. Comments from the Committees will be reported to the Council on 25th June, 2008.

4. Background Papers

4.1 Cabinet Agenda, 28th May, 2008.

4.2 A copy of the agenda is available for inspection from City Solicitor's or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=796>

5. Glossary

GO-NE - Government Office North East
RSS - Regional Spatial Strategy

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