

# ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## CITY OF SUNDERLAND UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALTERATION No. 2 (CENTRAL SUNDERLAND): ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAVING POLICIES

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12 JULY 2010

### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive that was approved by Cabinet on 24 June 2010.
- 1.2 The report, attached as **Appendix 1** has been included on the agenda in order to allow the Committee to note and provide comment on the City of Sunderland Unitary Development Plan Alteration No. 2 (Central Sunderland): Arrangements for Saving Policies.

### 2. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 24 June 2010, Cabinet considered the attached report and agreed and endorsed the attached schedule outlining Unitary Development Plan Alteration No.2 policies to be saved; and authorised officers to make appropriate arrangements for submitting the schedule of saved policies to the Government Office for the North East.
- 2.2 Sunderland's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) was adopted in September 1998. As the statutory development plan for the city, one of its key functions is to provide a starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development or use of land. Due to the need to provide a more up-to-date planning framework for the Central Sunderland area, a partial revision of the UDP policies for this area was required. This was taken forward through the statutory planning process as a formal Alteration to the UDP (*Alteration No. 2*) and was adopted by the City Council in September 2007.
- 2.3 The Alteration was prepared under Transitional Provisions contained in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This meant that the policies in the Alteration only had a three-year lifespan after their adoption; i.e. they would expire in September 2010. To ensure that the policies remain in force beyond this date, they now need to be "saved".
- 2.4 The attached schedule outlines the suggested approach to identify individual Alteration policies for saving. In effect, it is recommended that all the Alteration policies are saved.

- 2.5 Once they have been saved, the Alteration policies will continue to be used in determining planning applications and steering development in the Central Sunderland area. In the longer term they will be replaced by appropriate policies brought forward through the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and associated Allocations Development Plan Document. The programme for these documents is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Committee note, and provide comment on the content of the Cabinet report.

### **4. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 4.1 Cabinet Agenda and Minutes 24 June 2010

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