

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE 19 JANUARY 2009**

### **SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT 2007 / 08 – UPDATE REPORT**

**Strategic Priorities: Attractive and Inclusive City  
Corporate Improvement Objectives: CI101, CI01**

#### **Report of the Director of Development and Regeneration**

##### **1. Why has the report come to this Committee?**

1.1 To update the Review Committee on the completed version of the Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2007/ 08 which has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

##### **2. Background**

2.1 As part of the Local Development Framework process the City Council is required to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to assess performance against the previous financial year in relation to :-

- Progress on the implementation of its Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the overall timetable for the preparation of the various components of the Local Development Framework
- The extent to which policies in local development documents are being achieved.

2.2 The AMR must be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

2.3 On 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008, the Review Committee considered a working draft of the fourth such AMR covering the period 2007 / 08. This had been previously been submitted to Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008.

2.4 Under the delegated authority conveyed to the Director of Development and Regeneration by that Cabinet meeting, the AMR was finalized and duly submitted to the Government Office for the North East (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

##### **3. The Final Annual Monitoring Report ~ Summary of Main Changes**

3.1 Attached is a copy of the final AMR for 2007 / 08. Further copies are available in the Members' Room and on the Council's Planning Policy web page. The Review Committee will note that the final version of the AMR is largely unchanged from that previously considered. The principal additions to the final AMR relate to the insertion of : -

- The monitored performance of the policies set out in the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) against previously defined indicators. A summary of performance in relation to the current development plan targets is attached at Annex 1. Overall when compared over the previous three years, it is clear that the majority of the policies continue to perform well.
- A graph projecting net new housing completions across the City to 2022 / 23 compared against the Regional Spatial Strategy's housing requirements. This is attached at Annex 2. This is a snap shot of the projected annual delivery of known housing sites (*ie* those with planning consent, UDP allocations or those sites previously assessed through the Interim Strategy for Housing Land). It suggests that there will be a significant uplift in the delivery of new housing over the coming years, which declines post 2017/18. This fall in completions is largely due to the lack of known sites that will be available at that time. In partnership with external stakeholders (such as developers, agents and utility providers), further detailed work is presently being carried. The Strategic Housing Land Assessment will consider the longer term suitability and deliverability of additional sites over the next 15 years. This study will be completed in March 2009 and will significantly inform the next version of the AMR, including a better understanding of how the 'credit crunch' will impact on the future delivery of sites.

#### **4 Recommendation**

4.1 That the Review Committee note the content of the final Annual Monitoring Report for information.

#### **5. Background Papers**

Environment and Planning Review Committee Agenda 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

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## Annex 1

### Comparison on UDP Policy Performance 2005/06 – 2007/08

Key “✓” Target met “----” Target on Track “x” Target not met

	Indicator Result		
	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
<b>Economic development</b>			
Total amount of additional employment floorspace by type	✓	----	x
Amount of employment floorspace on brownfield land	x	✓	✓
Employment land available by type	✓	✓	✓
Amount of employment land lost to residential development	✓	x	✓
Level of new business start-ups	✓	✓	✓
Amount of floorspace developed for employment by type, in regeneration areas	✓	✓	----
Number of planning applications approved in tourism and cultural related developments	✓	✓	✓
<b>Housing</b>			
Number of dwellings completed	----	----	x
New dwellings and conversions on brownfield land	✓	✓	✓
Gross affordable homes completions	✓	✓	✓
Housing distribution by area	✓	✓	----
Density of new Homes	✓	✓	✓
Vacant dwellings	----	✓	----
Dwellings in low demand	----	----	✓
<b>Shopping</b>			
In centre retail rents	✓	✓	✓
Promote the continued development of the city centre, Washington and Houghton (a) changes in the amount of floorspace in the three centres (b) all town centre related proposals are determined in accordance with adopted policy	a) ---- b) ----	a) ---- b) ----	a) ---- b) ----
Total amount and changes in amount of floorspace within the smaller local shopping centres (Soutwick, Concord, Sea Road, Chester Road, Doxford Park and Hetton) (a) maintain the level of retail floorspace (b) encourage environmental improvements	a) ---- b) ✓	a) ---- b) ✓	a) ---- b) x
Planning applications for new floorspace – applications approved and refused – in centre/out of centre	----	----	✓
<b>Transport</b>			
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of: a GP; a hospital; a primary school; a secondary school; areas of employment; and major retail centres.	✓	✓	✓
Progress of implementation of roads approved by the UDP	----	----	----
New or improved public transport interchanges/ facilities (a) to encourage public transport patronage (b) increase the length of ‘no car’ and ‘bus only’ lanes	---- a) ---- b) ----	x a) ---- b) ----	---- a) ✓ b) x
Amount of households within 5 – 6 minutes walking distance (400) of a bus stop, super route bus stop or Metro station	✓	✓	✓
Encourage movement on foot and by bicycle providing safe and attractive routes (a) on road (b) off road	a) ✓ b) ✓	a) x b) ✓	a) x b) ✓
Increase the provision of safe, secure cycle parking and storage	x	✓	x
Increase the number of cycling trips made within the city	✓	✓	✓

<b>Environment and sustainability</b>			
Days when air pollution is moderate or high or above the Air Quality Strategy objective	✓	✓	✓
Resisting developments having detrimental effects in : - (a) the Green Belt (b) the Open Breaks	a) ✓ b) ✓	a) ✓ b) ✓	a) ✓ b) ✓
Proportion of nationally important wildlife sites which are in favourable condition	✓	✓	✓
Proportion of open space managed to Green Flag standard	----	----	----
Conserve/ enhance the city's existing Conservation Areas, Listed Buildings and scheduled monuments	✓	✓	✓
Achieve the sub-regional minerals apportionment	✓	✓	----
18% of recovered waste recycled and composted	✓	✓	✓
Renewable energy generation	----	----	----

**Annex 2**

