

The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-

1. City of Sunderland Local Development Framework : Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options and Supporting Evidence Papers

That they have given consideration to a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached) on the Sunderland Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options for public consultation and also sought the endorsement of Cabinet to the three updated evidential papers regarding the Retail Needs, Employment Land and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

The Cabinet endorsed the contents of the Sunderland Retail Needs Update, the Employment Land Update and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment so that they could be used as:

- (a) Part of the evidence base to inform the emerging Local Development Framework, and
- (b) Material considerations in determining planning applications.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends to Council to:

- (i) Approve the attached Sunderland Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options (including the Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment reports) for the purposes of public consultation and as a material consideration in assessing planning applications, pending its finalisation following public consultation; and
- (ii) Authorise the Deputy Chief Executive to make any required amendments to the attached Sunderland Core Strategy Preferred Options (including the Sustainability Appraisal and Appropriate Assessment reports) as necessary prior to its publication for public consultation.

They also referred the matter to the Scrutiny Committee and the Planning and Highways Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of the Committees will be reported to the meeting.

N.B. Members are requested to note that a copy of the City of Sunderland Local Development Framework Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options document is available for inspection in Members' Services or alternatively the document can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/7224/Committee/1485/Default.aspx>

2. Corporate Plan 2012/13 - 2014/15

That they have given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (copy attached) on the Corporate Plan 2012/13 - 2014/15. The Corporate Plan is a key element of the Council's Corporate Strategic Planning Framework and its purpose is to provide a clear articulation of the Council's strategic direction centred on the purpose, vision, priorities and outcomes described in the Corporate Outcomes Framework

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends to Council to:-

- (i) endorse the contents of and approve the Corporate Plan 2012/13 - 2014/15 and
- (ii) delegate the final approval to the Leader and Chief Executive and authorised the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to make any minor or final amendments to the Plan, and
- (ii) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to approve a summary version of the Corporate Plan and to make any minor or final amendments to the summary.

They also referred the matter to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the meeting.

N.B. Members are requested to note that a copy of the Corporate Plan 2012/13 - 2014/15 document is available for inspection in Members' Services or alternatively the document can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm15/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/7645/Committee/1563/Default.aspx>

3. Review of Committee Arrangements – Consequential Changes

That they have given consideration to a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services (copy attached) to address consequential changes required to reflect requirements of the Localism Act 2011 regarding overview and scrutiny which have now been brought into force, and decisions made by the Leader and the Council to make changes to Executive and Committee arrangements, and to amend the constitution accordingly.

The Cabinet recommends to Council:-

- (a) To amend the Constitution as set out in this report in order to
 - reflect changes to support arrangements for Cabinet, and the number of Scrutiny Committees and to take account of provisions relating to Overview and Scrutiny introduced by the Localism Act 2011.
 - provide for a Human Resources Committee comprised of 12 members, to exercise functions in relation to appointments as provided for by the Employment Procedure Rules and non-executive functions relating to human resources and pensions that are not otherwise delegated.
- (b) To appoint members to the Human Resources Committee, and;
- (c) To authorise the Head of Law and Governance to make such other consequential changes that are required to the Constitution to ensure consistency with the approval of the matters set out in (a) and (b) above.

