

LDF 030811

Copeland LDF Progress

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PURPOSE OF REPORT: To consider the following:

1. Update on Blueprint Economic Strategy and associated work plus impact on LDF programme - verbal
2. Update on budgetary matters - verbal
3. Relaxation of Local Plan policy on King Street Whitehaven frontages
4. Core Strategy text: Chapters on Transport and the Environment
5. Feedback on Member Training arrangements for LDF - verbal

RECOMMENDATION: That the items reported on are noted as regards their implications to LDF content and production.

1. BLUEPRINT AND ASSOCIATED WORK

- 1.1 A verbal update will be given on progress with the Blueprint and the associated spatial implications work being undertaken by consultants. The likely delays with this work will impact on the LDF programme and the Working Party will be asked to consider amendments.

2. BUDGETARY MATTERS

- 2.1 A verbal report for information will be made with the latest spreadsheet available at the meeting

3. RELAXATION OF LOCAL PLAN POLICY ON RETAIL FRONTAGES

- 3.1 On 21st March 2011 the LDF Working Party approved a public consultation to consider whether the Council should relax the requirements in Policy TCN11 of the Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016. The aim of the consultation was to gauge opinion about whether the range of uses permitted in ground floor premises should be relaxed to include A2 (Financial and professional services) and A3 (Restaurants and cafes) uses as well as A1 (Shops).
- 3.2 Item 3 accompanying this report summarises the consultation process, provides an analysis of the responses we received and then suggests revised policy wording for Policy TCN11 for consideration. If the LDF Working Party agrees the revised policy wording, the recommendation will be taken to Full Council to approve a change in the Local Plan policy.
- 3.3 It is recommended that Members consider the contents of the report in Item 3 and approve the draft revised policy wording for Policy TCN11.

4. DRAFT CORE STRATEGY: TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- 4.1 This is a work in progress with some areas to come back to but it will give Members an idea of how the Preferred Options version is being converted to the Submission Draft. In addition to the draft Core Strategy policies there are amended versions of the relevant subject policies from the Development Management Policies DPD. There will be a read-through and discussion session at the meeting.

5. LDF TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1 There will be discussion over the training arrangements set up for 31st August and 8th September with an opportunity for feedback.

6. LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The LDF is a statutory requirement. Preparation is proceeding well within budget and a verbal update on the current position will be given at the meeting

Members are asked to bring their copy of the Preferred Options Report to the meeting with them

List of Appendices

Item 3: Relaxation of Local Plan Policy TCN11 on Retail Frontages

Item 4: Draft Core Strategy chapters on Transport and the Environment

