

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Local Development Framework: Member Task Group - 28/10/08 Meeting Outcomes

Cheshire East Local Development Scheme (LDS)

- It was agreed to include the Congleton Town Centre and Middlewich Canal Corridor Area Action Plans and the Sandbach Town Centre Design Statement in the Cheshire East LDS, but the Core Strategy will take priority until it is sufficiently advanced. Once spatial priorities emerge from this, work will be prioritised and resources allocated accordingly. This approach will need to be agreed with Government Office.
- The Portfolio Holder will agree appropriate wording and the timescale for approval of the LDS will now be as follows: Places Advisory Panel 12th November; Cabinet Briefing 19th November; Cabinet 2nd December; Council 9th December.

Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

- New authorities should add together the RSS housing requirements from each former authority. However, there is some flexibility to move housing numbers around within the new authority subject to meeting local and affordable needs in each of the three former areas. A new Strategic Housing Market Assessment will provide evidence.
- An information paper on the new RSS will be circulated to all Cheshire East members.

Cheshire East Core Strategy Evidence Base

- Proposals to undertake a Strategic Housing Market Assessment will be considered by the Shadow Cabinet in December. Subject to agreement, the study will begin in the New Year. This will be funded out of existing budgets.

Member Training

- Two training events are planned in association with the Planning Advisory Service:
 - (a) A LDF event on 24/11/08 (all day) in the Capesthorne Room, Macclesfield. This will be exclusively for members and look at LDF context and production. Places Advisory Panel members, Cabinet members and portfolio holders will be invited.
 - (b) A "Common Vision" event on 05/12/08 (all day), likely to be in the Council Chamber, Crewe (venue TBC). This will look at the work required to coordinate the LDF and Sustainable Community Strategy with links to the LSP and LAAs. Representatives from the Local Strategic Partnership, Places Advisory Panel members, Cabinet members, portfolio holders and officers will be invited.

Other Business

- Existing Development Plan policies will be carried forward and will continue to form part of the adopted Development Plan for Cheshire East. Other informal guidance will need to be adopted by the new Council as required.
- The Cheshire West and Chester LDF Working Group will consider a paper on potential joint working on minerals and waste on 5th November. Should they decide to pursue joint working, the LDS timetable may be affected and amendments will be required before the LDS goes to full Council. If joint working is engaged, there must be robust processes in place for decision-making.
- The next LDF Member Task Group meeting will be on 03/12/08.