

KEY DECISION NOTICE

SERVICE AREA:	CHILDREN, LEARNING AND ECONOMIC SERVICES Economic and Technical Services
SUBJECT MATTER:	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION ON JOINT CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT
DECISION:	<p>(1) That the Executive Cabinet approves the Issues and Options Consultation Paper, associated Topic Papers, the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment for public consultation.</p> <p>(2) To report back to members once the full outcome of all comments and other issues are known and their implications in respect of the ongoing development of preferred options.</p> <p>(3) That the Assistant Executive Director (Economic and Technical Services) makes arrangements for public consultation on the proposals by public advertisement and by attending a meeting of each District Assembly and in such other way as he thinks fit.</p>
DECISION TAKER(S):	Executive Cabinet
DESIGNATION OF DECISION TAKER(S):	Executive Cabinet
DATE OF DECISION:	8 February 2012
REASON FOR DECISION:	This is a mandatory stage in the production of a replacement set of planning policies. The issues and options which are set out in the document are those which the Council considers needs to be addressed and considered as part of the production of the replacement framework.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS REJECTED (if any):	No other options are available for consideration. Failure to replace the UDP will result in Tameside no longer having full control of planning decisions when the new presumption "in favour of sustainable development" is introduced where a plan is "absent, silent, indeterminate or where the relevant policies are out of date".
CONSULTEES:	None
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: (Authorised by Borough Treasurer)	There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report. Funding for this work is included within Planning & Economic Development revenue budgets 2011/12. Financial monitoring will continue throughout the consultation and production process to ensure any financial implications that may arise can be addressed.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: (Authorised by Borough	This report authorises the issues and options paper to be issued for consultation under regulation 25 of the Town and Country

Solicitor)	<p>Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. It must be sent to statutory consultation bodies.</p> <p>We must also make arrangements for the purposes of inviting representation from the public. This will be done by public advertisement in the press, on the Council's website and by holding an event at each District Assembly meeting.</p> <p>This is a key document which will be the subject of great interest from the community and developers. It is therefore crucial that the statutory process is correctly followed to reduce the risk of legal challenge.</p>
CONFLICT OF INTEREST:	None
DISPENSATION GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE ATTACHED:	Not applicable.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:	<p>The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer, Nigel Gilmore by:</p> <p>Telephone:0161 342 3920</p> <p>e-mail: nigel.gilmore@tameside.gov.uk</p>

Signed..... Dated: 8 February 2012
Councillor Kieran Quinn – Executive Leader and Chair of the Executive Cabinet

ITEM NO: 8

Report To:	JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET/OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL
Date:	8 February 2012
Executive Member/Reporting Officer:	Councillor Peter Robinson, Executive Member for Transport and Development Robin Monk, Assistant Executive Director (Economic and Technical Services)
Subject:	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION ON JOINT CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT
Report Summary:	The Council has to replace the current unitary development plan. We need to produce a document which sets out the Council's key planning policies. As part of the statutory process we have to undertake a public consultation about what should be in that document. This report asks the Council to authorise consultation on the issues and options paper which has been produced by officers. The report explains what is in the report and the key issues which the Council will need to decide as part of the process of producing new planning policies.
Recommendations:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) That the Executive Cabinet approves the Issues and Options Consultation Paper, associated Topic Papers, the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment for public consultation.(2) To report back to members once the full outcome of all comments and other issues are known and their implications in respect of the ongoing development of preferred options.(3) That the Assistant Executive Director (Economic and Technical Services) makes arrangements for public consultation on the proposals by public advertisement and by attending a meeting of each District Assembly and in such other way as he thinks fit.
Links to Community Strategy:	The Core Strategy is intended to be the spatial policy which delivers the sustainable community strategy. It therefore must
Policy Implications:	Not applicable
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)	There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report. Funding for this work is included within Planning & Economic Development revenue budgets 2011/12. Financial monitoring will continue throughout the consultation and production process to ensure any financial implications that may arise can be addressed.

**Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough
Solicitor)**

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Risk Management:

The risks associated with this proposal are set out in section 5 of the report.

Access to Information:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer, Nigel Gilmore, Group Engineering Manager, or on the web at :

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system for strategic planning. All local planning authorities, including Tameside, are required to prepare and adopt a Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF is a term used to describe a set of documents which include each Planning Authority's Local Development documents. As these are adopted by the council, they will eventually replace the Unitary Development Plan (UDP).
- 1.2 The LDF is not only concerned with the physical aspects of location and land use, as with the current UDP, but also with economic, social and environmental matters – “spatial” plans. The concept of producing spatial planning documents is focused around local issues. For Tameside the compilation of this information will build upon national, City Region and local policies and strategies.
- 1.3 The Tameside LDF will also reflect the priorities of its new Economic Strategy - “Enterprising Tameside” and its vision for a prosperous Borough examining issues on:
- Targeted investment: To focus the more limited investment opportunities available where they will yield the greatest economic benefit;
 - Role of our towns: Investment priorities in each area;
 - Employment land: To attract new employers with appropriate employment sites which are available and ready for development;
 - Housing: To provide employers with a highly skilled workforce, the need to be able to attract and retain young professionals through high quality homes for growing families and at the same time to provide affordable housing;
 - Transport: For Tameside to be seen as a business location of choice and to enable access to jobs across the City Region and beyond;
 - Digital communications: Increased web-based technology; and
 - Low carbon development: To make Tameside a more desirable location and reduce impact on the environment.
- 1.4 One of the major challenges is to ensure the right evidence is in place in order to justify policy decisions. This requires working together with a number of different bodies including neighbouring local authorities, developers, statutory bodies, local communities, the Tameside Strategic Partnership and others as appropriate.
- 1.5 The Council must conform to requirements set out in legislation and the Council's own Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) regarding who and at what stage will they be involved in the preparation of the LDF documents. The documents must have ‘community support’ to meet the “Tests of Soundness” that will be applied to them during the public examination stage and to convince the Inspector that they have been properly prepared.
- 1.6 To be sound, a core strategy must be:
- Justified: founded on a robust and credible evidence base;
 - Effective: deliverable; and
 - Consistent with national policy.
- 1.7 This report sets out the proposals. The Issues and Options Paper is appended to the report, and the underlying topic papers and habitats assessments are available on the Council's website.

2. ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER

- 2.1 One of the key objectives of the LDF process is to strengthen community involvement in the planning of the places in which people live and work.
- 2.2 The first and most important development plan document in the LDF is the Joint Core Strategy and Development Management Policies Document which we refer to as the Core Strategy in this report. This document will set out the vision, strategic objectives, overall strategic framework and development management policies for Tameside.
- 2.3 Before this document can be produced, the Council is required to consult as to what should be in the draft document. In order to do this a document entitled the Core Strategy, Issues and Options Consultation Paper has been produced. This sets out what the council considers the key issues and challenges facing Tameside, based on an analysis of the characteristics of the area and the evidence obtained. Once the document has been produced it will be necessary to go out to public consultation. The results of the consultation will be taken in account when drawing up the draft Core Strategy
- 2.4 The Consultation Paper, appended at Appendix 2, is divided into a number of separate subject areas. These are summarised in Table 1 below:

Table 1-The Core Strategy, Issues and Options Consultation Paper Content Summary

Chapters 1 and 2	An explanation of why we need to produce the LDF;
Chapter 3	The long term vision for the Borough examining its strategic links with the Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy;
Chapter 4	A spatial portrait of the Borough giving a summary of key facts, issues and challenges;
Chapter 5	An examination of the key issues and challenges facing Tameside;
Chapter 6	Draft strategic objectives drawn from the Sustainable Community Strategy;
Chapter 7	Sustainability Appraisal
Chapter 8	A number of alternative spatial options including an initial high level Sustainability Appraisal
Chapter 9	Draft Core Strategy Policy topic areas; and
Chapter 10	Draft Development Management Policy topic areas

- 2.5 The Consultation Paper also sets out the broad spatial choices about where development should go through a number of key objectives:
- To assess what the economic, social and environmental issues are for Tameside based on research, evidence and stakeholder involvement;
 - To look at a range of options that will address the identified issues and make Tameside the place that we aspire to; and
 - To engage with all possible areas of the Tameside community and stakeholders at an early stage in the plan production process.
- 2.6 It provides an opportunity to consider the big issues facing the Borough, help shape the long-term vision and ultimately the strategic policies to deliver the vision. The document sets out how the Council will seek to engage all users in considering the Core Strategy Issues and Options.
- 2.7 As part of the engagement process a series of questions, linked to the chapters set out in Table 1 above, are included in the Consultation Paper to prompt the reader to respond on pertinent issues that are considered particularly important when the Preferred Option(s) are taken forward.

- 2.8 The main thrust of the questions centre on :
- Whether the vision is right for Tameside
 - Have the right issues been highlighted?
 - Consideration with respect to housing mix, type and number.
 - Have the correct strategic Options been developed?
 - Which of the options or mix of the above is considered appropriate?
 - Are the right regeneration areas highlighted and should there be others?
 - Does the Core Strategy Policies address the right topic areas? Should others be added?
 - Do the draft Development Management Policies cover the right topic areas and are the suggestions as to what each policy may cover broadly correct? Should these be amended?
- 2.9 The paper is supported by a series of Topic Papers. These inform the draft policy options which have been identified through the development of an evidence base. The Topic papers are listed below in Table 2.

Table 2 - Identified Key Issues Identified To Support The Core Strategy

• The Economy & Employment	• Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Biodiversity
• Housing	• Climate Change and Decentralised Energy
• Retail and Town Centres	• Health and Inequalities
• Heritage and Conservation	• Flood Risk
• Transport and Infrastructure	

- 2.10 The Consultation Paper has also been subject to two assessments. These are:
- Sustainability Appraisal – this is an ongoing process that is used to test the Core Strategy for its effects against a set of social, environmental and economic criteria. The aim is to ensure that the Core Strategy is consistent with the principles of sustainable development; and
 - Habitat Regulations Assessment – this assesses the potential impacts of the emerging Core Strategy on certain protected sites of importance to biodiversity such as those protected under the Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive and the Ramsar treaty.
- 2.11 Initial consultation for the Issues and Options stage of the document has already taken place with two workshops, for Councillors in June 2011, followed by a wider audience event in July 2011 comprising Councillors, council officers and public, private and voluntary stakeholders.
- 2.12 The purpose of organising the two workshops was to inform Members and a wider audience that the Council is reviewing its planning policies and for people to become involved in the process at an early stage. This gives the greatest opportunity for building a broad consensus as to where new development may happen and how it will provide the greatest benefits to local people and the wider economy. In addition all contacts on the LDF consultation database were informed about the start of the process.
- 2.13 A Members' Panel has now been firmly established to take forward the LDF process. It has met on a number of occasions in preparation for the consultation initiative. For reference the Members of the panel and its Terms of Reference are set out at **Appendix 1**.

3. ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER SUMMARY

- 3.1 As noted above, the Issues and Options Consultation Paper is divided into 10 main chapters. Sections 1 and 2 above have addressed the issues contained in Chapters 1 and 2. The following summarises the remainder of the Consultation Paper.

- 3.2 **Chapter 3:** This chapter examines a long term **Vision** for the Borough noting that the LDF will be the spatial expression of the current Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy (2009-19):
- 3.3 This vision links in with the Community Strategy's six key aims for a Prosperous Tameside; Supportive Tameside; Learning Tameside; Attractive Tameside; Safe Tameside; and Healthy Tameside
- 3.4 A set of Core Strategy strategic objectives for the Vision based on the Community Strategy are determined within the chapter as:
- Enhancing and improving the Borough through sustainable economic growth;
 - Providing housing in the right place, of the right type and at the right prices;
 - Ensuring regeneration of our most deprived neighbourhoods is achieved;
 - Protecting our environmentally valued areas from development; and
 - Ensuring appropriate mechanisms are in place to monitor how effective our policies have been against the aims and objectives set out in the Core Strategy.
- 3.5 **Chapter 4:** This chapter describes the current characteristics of the different parts of the Borough, giving a summary of key facts, issues and challenges for each area and for the Borough overall. This is a kind of '**Spatial Portrait**'.
- 3.6 It examines the Borough's location, overall demographics and provides an overall Spatial Map setting out its distinct characteristics. This includes details in respect of the Town and District Centres, the main employment areas and the rural Pennine Fringe.
- 3.7 **Chapter 5:** The chapter examines **the Issues** faced by the Borough which we think the Core Strategy will need to address. This section includes a broad overview of the key policy areas, the economy, employment land and housing.
- 3.8 The Issues and Options Paper notes that Tameside is facing a period of unprecedented change due to global economic pressure, changes in policy at a national and city-region level and the emergence of new governance arrangements. It also notes the key challenges for the Borough is to deliver economic growth and the supply and availability of good quality employment land to facilitate this, underpinning national and city region level policy goals.
- 3.9 It is noted that economic growth will be targeted through:
- Targeted Investment;
 - Role of the towns;
 - Employment Land;
 - Housing type and numbers
 - The promotion of a modern transport system;
 - Improved digital communications; and
 - A low carbon development
- 3.10 The chapter notes that **housing** is considered a key issue. The Borough needs to determine how much housing development is intended to happen, where, when and by what means for the duration of the Core Strategy plan period. The Core Strategy will be the document that contains the key decisions about the distribution of housing development and will establish clear guidance for the later Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

- 3.11 Previous targets for the Borough were set out in the Unitary Development Plan at 370 new dwellings net per year, replaced by a higher target of 750 in the Regional Spatial Strategy. Any future numbers will need to cater for a complex, wide ranging and mixed housing market which includes providing new affordable homes, social rented properties, elderly accommodation, a range of sizes of family homes, single occupancy units as well as higher value market housing.
- 3.12 More in depth discussion on the issues surrounding housing delivery is available in the Housing Topic Paper. This paper is a working document to be kept under regular review
- 3.13 **Chapter 6:** The chapter recognises that the Core Strategy will need to contain a series of **Strategic Objectives** centred on the Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy. The main objectives including a single overarching aim are summarised below as:
- To promote sustainable development, and to mitigate and adapt to climate change across the Borough;
 - To promote sustainable economic growth and the transition of the Borough's economy through diversification and encouraging the role of manufacturing;
 - To create sustainable communities that enhances the Borough for residents now and in the future;
 - To improve the educational attainment and increase the skills of the Borough's residents;
 - To promote the creation of a high quality, attractive Borough for existing and future generations;
 - To improve the health of the Borough's population; and
 - To promote community safety and crime prevention in the Borough.
- 3.14 **Chapter 7:** This chapter, the statutory **Sustainability Appraisal**, is dealt with at Section 2.10
- 3.15 **Chapter 8:** The chapter looks at strategic **Spatial Options**. The policies in the adopted UDP are no longer up to date.
- 3.16 Three alternative overarching strategic spatial options have been developed for consultation. These alternative approaches are considered to be realistic and deliverable even though they would be challenging and need significantly different spatial planning priorities in order to deliver.
- 3.17 Within the Options, allowance has been made for the potential designation of strategic sites to deliver decentralised energy technologies and infrastructure, and for the management of flood risk. Potentially such sites may need to be located within the Green Belt in order to best utilise topography, natural resources and landscape features. These sites are identified in the supporting evidence base documents – the Tameside Decentralised Energy Study and the Tameside Level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment available at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/planning/ldf/evidence>.
- 3.18 The three options are set out in section 8 of the Issues and Options report, along with the strengths and weaknesses of each option.
- 3.19 **Option 1** concentrates growth in the core urban areas, giving priority to Ashton under Lyne and Hattersley.
- 3.20 **Option 2** provides for growth to be dispersed residential development and employment focused on accessible locations.
- 3.21 **Option 3** sees growth in the wider urban area, with dispersed residential development and the majority of employment focused in accessible locations. This option also includes

targeted expansion at broad strategic locations to facilitate sustainable economic growth. This may include the release of greenbelt land. .

- 3.22 **Chapter 9:** This chapter looks at the draft **Core Strategy Policy** topic areas. Core Strategy Policies are essential to support whichever spatial strategy option is chosen. The Core Strategy Policies included in the Issues and Options Consultation Paper is currently in draft form and indicate only the broad range of policies that might be needed. These policies will be refined through the plan preparation process and at this stage do not include any detailed wording.
- 3.23 The Core Strategy Policies examine issues in respect of :
- CSP 1: Sustainable Development and Climate Change
 - CSP 2: The Economy and Employment Land
 - CSP 3: A Quality and Sustainable Housing Market
 - CSP 4: Ashton First – A Town Centre Strategy for Tameside
 - CSP 5: Transport – Making Tameside More Accessible and Sustainable
 - CSP 6: Infrastructure
 - CSP 7: Safeguarding the Natural and Built Environment
 - CSP 8: Communities – Safe, Strong and Healthy
 - CSP 9: Sustainable Waste Management and
 - CSP 10: Sustainable Resource Use
- 3.24 **Chapter 10:** The chapter examines **Development Management Policies** that will provide more detail on how the strategic objectives and core policies are translated into action. These policies will be the general criteria against which planning applications will be assessed. They are essential to ensure development in the Borough respects the environment and local amenity whilst providing good quality development and the conditions for economic stability and growth.
- 3.25 The potential Development Management Policy areas are listed below. Chapter 10 of the Consultation Paper indicate how they link back to the draft Strategic Objectives and the draft Core Strategy Policies:
- DM1 – Employment
 - DM2 – The Local Economy
 - DM3 – Urban Design
 - DM4 – Climate change
 - DM5 – Housing
 - DM6 – Affordable Housing
 - DM7 – Community development
 - DM8 – Education
 - DM9 – Local Centres
 - DM10 – Retailing and Leisure
 - DM11 – Town Centres
 - DM12 – Conservation and the historic environment
 - DM13 – Countryside and Nature conservation
 - DM14 – Open space and amenity
 - DM15 – Sport, recreation and leisure
 - DM16 – Agriculture and forestry
 - DM17 – Transport and Access
 - DM18 – Utilities and telecommunications
 - DM19 – Infrastructure
 - DM20 – Renewable energy generation
 - DM21 – Flood Risk
 - DM22 – Developer Contributions and planning obligations

4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS FOR THE ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION PAPER

- 4.1 Following Council approval, the Issues and Options Consultation Paper will be subject to a minimum six-week consultation period, proposed for February and March 2012. This will be the start of the consultation engagement process, for preparation of the Preferred Options.
- 4.2 Consultation will be via a number of media related initiatives underpinned by the Tameside SCI and will include
- Tameside MBC web site
 - District Assembly presentations / District Assembly “Drop In” sessions;;
 - Telephone / paper based consultation;
 - Media promotion;
 - Documents available for inspection at statutory deposit points (local planning authority offices, libraries and Customer Service Centres);
 - Correspondence with statutory bodies, other key stakeholders as appropriate; and
 - Tameside Strategic Partnership
 - Staff Portal
 - Chief Executive’s Brief to council staff.
- 4.3 Feedback from all sources will be logged and summarised. A Statement of Consultation will be produced setting out the consultation undertaken on Issues and Options stage and how the Council has used that input to inform the preferred options.
- 4.4 The Council will then be in a position to prepare its Preferred Options documentation for formal Consultation. The preferred option will also be subject to a further Sustainability Appraisal to assess the likely environmental, social and economic impacts of the chosen option(s).
- 4.5 The further stages in the development of the LDF are subject to a number of critical milestones as noted below:
- Scoping and consultation on Sustainability Appraisal – (Complete)
 - Regulation 25 Consultation of Report Approval and Consultation – Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Paper (This report)
 - Preferred Options Consultation for Development Plan Document (DPD)
 - Pre-submission Consultation
 - Submission of Development Plan Document
 - Pre-Hearing meeting
 - Commencement of Examination in Public
 - Receipt of inspector’s binding report
 - Adoption of DPD (Late 2013/ Early 2014)
- 4.6 The above milestones are set out in the Tameside Local Development Scheme (May 2011). Given ongoing policy and legislation changes at a local, regional and national level, a revised milestone timetable and associated approvals for each stage of the LDF process is to be brought forward for consideration and approval by the Executive Cabinet in March 2012.
- 4.7 At each critical milestone of the LDF process Members will be consulted and approvals sought as appropriate.

5. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS DECISION

5.1 Table 3 below indicates a number of risk options should a LDF not be adopted by the Council.

Table 3 – Risk Options To Not Adopting a Local Development Framework

Risk	Seriousness of consequences	Likelihood	Mitigation measures
Failure to adopt a LDF	High	Low	Without a replacement Unitary Development Plan, Tameside will no longer have full control of planning decisions when the new presumption “in favour of sustainable development” is introduced. This is set out in the draft National Planning Policy Framework, which currently proposes a presumption in favour of sustainable development where a plan is “absent, silent, indeterminate or where the relevant policies are out of date”.
The affects on the local economy should a LDF not be adopted	High	Low	Adoption of a Tameside LDF will ensure that an adopted local Strategic Planning process with underpin appropriate economic growth.
Damage to the local environment should a LDF not be adopted	High	Low	Adoption of a Tameside LDF will ensure appropriate environmental considerations.
Failure to Consult	High	Low	Extensive consultation is the key to taking forward a Local Development Plan and failure to consult will prevent a consensus in taking relevant strategies and policies forward and leave the Council open to legal challenge, since this is a fundamental legal requirement under the Local Development (England) Regulations 2005). The Council must therefore be seen to consult extensively on this issue.
Adopting inappropriate policies	High	Low	The involvement of Councillors, public consultation, public and external scrutiny in producing this document means that the risk of this should be minimal.
Adopting policies which are not the best policies for the Borough	High	Low to Medium	The importance of these policies cannot be understated. To ensure that the policies do as much as they possibly can to deliver the aims of the sustainable community strategy it is important that as much thought as possible is given as to how planning can assist with specific objectives. The width of the proposed consultation should assist with this but it is important

Risk	Seriousness of consequences	Likelihood	Mitigation measures
			that planners explain people working within other disciplines why these policies are important and how they can achieve the objectives of other services.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 It is important that the process of adopting a LDF for Tameside is progressed. Although the initiative is long term in nature, consultation at all stages is seen as essential for a successful outcome. This report seeks approval to consult on the Issues and Options Consultation Paper and associated documentation as a first stage.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the Executive Cabinet approves the Issues and Options Consultation Paper, associated Topic Papers, the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment for public consultation.
- 7.2 To report back to members once the full outcome of all comments and other issues are known and their implications in respect of the ongoing development of preferred options.
- 7.3 That the Assistant Executive Director (Economic and Technical Services) makes arrangements for public consultation on the proposals by public advertisement and by attending a meeting of each District Assembly and in such other way as he thinks fit.

APPENDIX 1

MEMBERSHIP, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBERS' PANEL

Membership

Cllr Peter Robinson	Exec Member for Transport and Development (Lab) (Chair)
Cllr David Sweeton	Exec Member for Business and Community Development (Lab)
Cllr Warren Bray	Chair of Planning Speakers Panel (Lab)
Cllr Bill Fairfoull	(Lab)
Cllr Helen Bowden	(Lab)
Cllr Denise Ward	(Lab)
Cllr Doreen Dickinson	(Con)
Cllr David Buckley	(Con)

Aim:

To inform the preparation of Tameside's Local Development Framework

Terms of Reference and Objectives:

1. To review and to contribute to the preparation of documents and plans prepared as part of Tameside's Local Development Framework;
2. To provide guidance on key issues on which Member consultation is required and to advise on the most appropriate way of consulting Members during the preparation of Local Development Documents;
3. To provide a forum to discuss and seek guidance on both strategic planning policy and procedural issues which arise as the Local Development Framework preparation process progresses; and
4. To monitor progress on the preparation of documents in the Local Development Framework in the context of the timetable in the approved Local Development Scheme.