

Item 10

Surrey Heath Local Development Framework

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SURREY HEATH

28th October 2004

KEY ISSUE:

Surrey Heath Borough Council is currently consulting on issues and options for the Surrey Heath Local Development Framework.

SUMMARY:

Five papers are being consulted on at present. The results of this consultation will be used to draft the LDF. The draft LDF will be available for consultation from Spring 2005 and will be brought to a Local Committee meeting as appropriate.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Surrey Heath Local Committee notes the current consultation and that the draft LDF will be consulted on in the Spring of 2005.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. A new system of Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) is replacing Local Plans. The new Surrey Heath LDF will guide future development in the Borough up to 2016. The new LDF will be a series of Development Plan Documents.
2. The first phase of this work is to review the following five topics:
 - The Core Strategy
 - Housing Allocations and Sites 2001-2016
 - Housing Needs
 - Employment Sites and Allocations 2001-2016.
 - Generic Development Control Policies (Housing and Employment).

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

3. A series of five Issues and Options Papers on the above topics have been prepared which are available on the Surrey Heath Borough Council website www.surreyheath.gov.uk/surreyheath/planning.nsf. These Papers contain a set of questions about the planning issues facing the Borough and a Response Form. Responses are required by 29th October 2004.

4. The responses will be used to draft the new policies in the LDF. This will be available for consultation in Spring 2005 and will be brought to the Local Committee at the earliest appropriate Local Committee meeting.

CONSULTATION

5. Consultation on the five papers is in process. The draft LDF will be available for consultation in Spring 2005.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. It is important that the LDF runs parallel to the Surrey Heath Community Plan. Each document should support and reinforce the other.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

8. None.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Surrey Heath Local Committee notes the current consultation and that the draft LDF will be consulted on in the spring of 2005.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Surrey Heath LDF Issues and Options papers on:
The Core Strategy
Housing Allocations and Sites 2001-2016
Housing Needs
Employment Sites and Allocations 2001-2016.
Generic Development Control Policies
(Housing and Employment).

Number of Annexes: None