

REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

DATE: 27TH OCTOBER 2010

SUBJECT: NORTH LIVERPOOL & SOUTH SEFTON STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORK

WARDS AFFECTED: LINACRE, DERBY

REPORT OF: PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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EXEMPT/ CONFIDENTIAL: NO

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To update members on the North Liverpool & South Sefton Strategic Regeneration Framework, and explain the next steps for consultations and strategy development.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To allow for consultation on the proposed strategic framework.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That members:

- (i) Note this report
- (ii) Agree to support and attend the Key Stakeholder Event planned for November, with a specific invitation to members of this Committee and Linacre/Derby Area Committee, as well as other key partners
- (iii) Refer the Final SRF document to Overview & Scrutiny (Regeneration and Environmental Services)
- (iv) Request an appraisal of the SRF by officers, along with feedback from Overview & Scrutiny, to be presented to a future meeting of this Committee
- (v) Concurrently with the consultation and approval process, authorise officers to begin work with Liverpool City Council, Liverpool Vision and Homes & Communities Agency on a comprehensive 3 year delivery and action plan.

KEY DECISION: Yes

FORWARD PLAN: Yes

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Immediately following the call-in period for the minutes of this meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The preparation of a Strategic Regeneration Framework is seen as the best way, if not the only way, to access scarce public resources held by the HCA and other regeneration agencies.

IMPLICATIONS:

Budget/Policy Framework: There are no financial consequences as a direct result of this report and therefore the Finance Director has not been consulted.

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2009 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: N/a

Risk Assessment: N/a

Asset Management: N/a

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

SRF Key Stakeholder Event – 1st March 2010
Linacre/Derby Area Committee – 22nd March 2010

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities		✓	
3	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Draft North Liverpool/South Sefton Strategic Regeneration Framework 2010

Background

1. In July 2009, Liverpool Vision invited Sefton MBC to support the development of a Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF), for the 6 wards of County, Anfield, Kirkdale, Everton (in Liverpool), with Linacre and Derby (in Sefton).
2. In September, DPP Shape Consultancy were appointed to develop the SRF and to lead a consortium of specialist consultants. The cost of the study was met by Liverpool Vision, NWDA and HCA.(there is no financial contribution required from Sefton).
3. The brief, and the initial evidence base, were reported to members of this Committee on 20th January 2010. Members agreed that the Cabinet Member should be included within the consultation process for the SRF, and requested a further report on the SRF.
4. This report summarises work undertaken on the SRF to date, and describes the next steps.

Work on Stage 2

5. Following completion and verification of the Stage 1 evidence report early in 2010, work began on the Stage 2 report. The aim of this stage was to identify key issues that the Strategy should address and place them in a long-term perspective up to 2030.
6. Consultants DPP Shape organised a Key Stakeholder Event on 1st March for representatives of appropriate partner organisations, the private sector and community groups to attend. Though never intended to be a large-scale comprehensive consultation event, Sefton officers sought to broaden out the invitation list to ensure a variety of local players were involved including ward and Cabinet members.
7. Subsequently, a report was taken to Linacre & Derby Area Committee on 22nd March 2010 with a summary of the Stage 1 Report, and also with a view to seeking early comment on the issues local members wanted addressing by the SRF. Members requested a presentation from the consultants before the final report was published.
8. During the summer of 2010 DPP Shape prepared and refined a draft Stage 2 Report, on which officers have been commenting.

The Stage 2 Report

9. The Stage 2 Report will be the subject of a formal appraisal by officers when it has been finalised. It may be useful to flag up here its main conclusions.
10. The SRF proposes three high-level frameworks to guide action and investment over a twenty year period:

- Economic & Employment Framework
 - People & Communities Framework
 - Neighbourhood & Places Framework
11. The Frameworks are deliberately high-level statements of intent as the SRF was produced before and after the General Election at a time of great uncertainty about future government plans, the state of the economy, and future availability of resources.
12. Nevertheless, the SRF states that over the coming period the top-level priorities and transformational projects for North Liverpool & South Sefton are:
- A. Economic & Employment Framework
 - A1. Liverpool Waters
 - A2. Port Expansion
 - A3. The Football Stadia
 - A4. Low Carbon Business Transformation
 - A5. Business Land & Premises
 - A6. Developing 21st Century Skills
 - B. People & Communities Framework
 - B1. A Total Place Approach to Family Support, and Education & Skills
 - C. Neighbourhood & Places Framework
 - C1. Project Jennifer
 - C2. New Housing – New Approaches
 - C3. Green Infrastructure
 - C4. Neighbourhood Management
 - C5. Everton Park
13. Each transformational project is itself a series of development opportunities, initiatives and proposals, all at different stages of the planning process. More detail will be found in the SRF document.
14. Some guidance is given as to the spatial framework in which these actions can be incorporated, but the SRF is not itself a delivery plan.
15. Therefore the primary output from this stage of the SRF is a set of strategic priorities which require further working up and an understanding of feasibility, resource requirements and lead in times. There also needs to be much further community consultation to ensure proposals fit well with neighbourhood ambitions.

Next steps

16. At the North Liverpool SRF Steering Group meeting held on 26 August, a number of actions were agreed to progress the finalisation of the document, and put together a programme for further consultation, formal endorsement by Partners and the preparation of a medium term Delivery Plan.
17. The agreed actions were as follows:
 - The full Draft Consultation SRF Report, together with a short summary of the strategy, will be completed and made available for consideration by key partners and stakeholders by early October.
 - A Key Stakeholder Event will be held in November to provide the opportunity for further input to the Framework findings and recommendations. This will effectively be a reconvention of the Key Stakeholder Event which was held in March 2010 to which representatives from appropriate partner organisations, the private sector, and community groups were invited. Invitations to the Event will be distributed shortly.
 - The outcomes of the Stakeholder Event, and an online consultation forum set up during October, will feed into further Report editing/review in November.
 - Following the consultation period, it is anticipated that the full SRF Report will be presented to the respective Boards/Committees, as appropriate, including the Liverpool City Council North Liverpool Scrutiny Panel (date tbc); Liverpool Vision Board (3 December); and Sefton Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Regeneration (23 November) and Cabinet Member – Regeneration (15 December).
 - On receipt of the formal endorsement of key partners, we will issue a joint press release to highlight the publication of the Framework, which illustrates the close and effective collaboration between the local authorities of Liverpool and Sefton, and key partner agencies.
 - Running concurrently with the consultation and approval processes outlined above, Liverpool Vision, together with Liverpool and Sefton Councils and the HCA, intend to begin work immediately, in close consultation with key partner agency colleagues, on a comprehensive 3 year Delivery and Action Plan. It is intended that this comprehensive forward programme will be agreed by early 2011.
 - As preserve our options, a proposal for Regional Growth Fund to support the initial stages of the SRF plan-making and development process has been submitted to TMP – see item elsewhere on this agenda.
17. The follow-on work with Liverpool Vision, Liverpool CC and HCA, and the RGF proposal, is being taken forward entirely without prejudice to any views on the SRF that have yet to be conveyed to Liverpool by Sefton Council. It is simply to ensure Sefton remains engaged in the search for support and resources, and

does not forego the opportunity to take forward priority actions when they have been agreed.

18. The SRF is a high level strategy statement. It has not engaged deeply with communities. That is the purpose of the next stage, and the more detailed and meaningful planning with HCA. Linacre/Derby Area Committee has requested a presentation on the SRF, but in fact DPP Shape are shortly to be decommissioned, and no local presentations are planned. Officers suggest that the best alternative is to invite all members of this Committee and the Linacre/Derby Area Committee to attend the November Stakeholder Workshop, where the SRF will be presented and discussed in some detail. A further presentation to the Area Committee by officers can be arranged as required.