# **Brief for Scrutiny ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

# Topic to be scrutinised

Proposal to **jointly** commission a viability assessment for the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) with Stoke-on-Trent City Council

#### Questions to be addressed

- **1.** Does the council wish to consider commissioning a CIL viability assessment jointly with Stoke-on-Trent City Council?
- **2.** What are the implications to the process of developing the CIL if this approach is taken?

#### **Outcome**

- 1. To gain an understanding of the budgetary and timing implications of joint working.
- 2. To establish the Council's position on a joint working approach so that work can begin on commissioning a viability assessment either jointly or as a single authority.

# **Background materials**

- 1. Report to Planning Committee 19th July 2011
- 2. Report to Cabinet 20th July 2011.
- 3. Minutes from Cabinet 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
- 4. Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy (2009) and Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP)
- 5. Communities and Local Government (November 2010) The Community Infrastructure Levy: An Overview
- Communities and Local Government (March 2010) Community Infrastructure Levy Guidance: Charge Setting and charging schedule procedures
- 7. The Community Infrastructure Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2011, No. 948
- 8. Explanatory Memorandum to the Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010
- 9. The Planning Act 2008

#### **Evidence and witnesses**

- 1. Officers from Planning
- 2. Chairman Planning Committee
- 3. Any other person/group/organisation that the Committee thinks appropriate.

## **Method of scrutiny**

- 1. Task and Finish Group
- 2. Consideration of any other evidence that the Committee deems

appropriate.

### **Timetable**

Start date: Meetings to be arranged once Task and Finish Group membership has been confirmed.

Dates of meetings: to be agreed.

Draft report. 2 weeks from date of final Scrutiny Task and Finish meeting.

Final report. 3 weeks from date of final Scrutiny Task and Finish meeting

#### **Constraints**

Officer and member availability during September.

The sensitivity of discussing potential issues and disadvantages of joint working.

The potential for Stoke to commission viability work independently of Newcastle.

### **Members to undertake the scrutiny**

Chairman Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Other Members to be selected by the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Support

Relevant Executive Directors
Relevant Heads of Service
Planning Policy Business Manager
Democratic Services Team

## **Newcastle Borough Council Corporate Plan Priority area(s)**

- o Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- Creating a Borough of opportunity
- Creating a healthy and active community

Brief approved by	Overview and	Scrutiny Co-	-ordinating	Committee
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