

Brief for Scrutiny

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 19 July 2011.
(2)	Report to Cabinet 20 July 2011.
(3)	Minutes from Cabinet 20 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.
(6)	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

- (1) Officer and member availability during September.
- (2) The sensitivity of discussing potential issues and disadvantages of joint working.
- (3) 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)

- 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

Signed:
Date: