

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD - 4 OCTOBER 2005

Title of report	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY; ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION
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Purpose of report	To seek authority to consult on issues and options for Core Strategy
Strategic aims	<i>Attractive sustainable environment; Enough decent affordable homes; and Local prosperity and employment.</i>
Implications: Financial/Staff Health/Anti-Poverty Crime and Disorder Risk Management Human Rights E-Government	The preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document is consistent with the Council's Local Development Scheme which assumes the continuation of the present level of resources. Consultation with 'Hard to reach' groups is provided for in the Statement of Community Involvement None Consultation could raise other issues and options which could generate additional work. No discernible impact All documentation will be available on the Council's website; responses may be made electronically.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees	Nil.
Background papers	Nil.
Recommendations	That the attached Core Strategy: Issues and Options document be approved for the purposes of public consultation.

- 1.1 The Council's approved Local Development Scheme proposes that as part of the preparation of the Local Development Framework the first Development Plan Document (DPD) to be produced will be the Core Strategy DPD. The Local Development Scheme also includes the profile for this document and the intended programme of work.
- 1.2 A key stage in the preparation of any DPD is the preparation of the Council's Preferred Options. Local planning authorities are required to consult with the community and stakeholders during the preparation of these Preferred Options.
- 1.3 A major part of this consultation process is the identification of the various issues and options that will need to be addressed in the preparation of the Preferred Options for the Core Strategy. The attached document will provide the basis for such a widespread consultation, with the results feeding into the preparation of the Preferred Options.
- 1.4 It should be noted that the Issues and Options document does not commit the Council to any particular response or course of action. The issues and options set out are those that have emerged from the development of the Council's evidence base. There may well be others that will arise during the consultation exercise itself.