

AGENDA FOR THE FIRST DAY HEARINGS
10am Tuesday 25 January 2011

Matters and Issues for Discussion

Matter 1 – Strategy

- 1 The Core strategy was prepared to be in conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East, although references to the RSS have been removed from the Publication Draft. *As a consequence, is the basis for the strategy, the amount and phasing of new housing development and the provision for additional employment land clear and justified?*
- 2 The Core Strategy should focus on the critical issues that relate to the way the area is intended to develop. *Have the critical issues been identified and will the strategy adequately address those issues?*
- 3 The test of effectiveness in PPS12 requires that the strategy should be sufficiently robust to ensure delivery. *Is the means by which the strategy will be delivered clearly articulated, including ensuring there are no policy or funding barriers to delivery and that the necessary infrastructure will be in place?*
- 4 Delivery of the Core Strategy is dependent on the delivery of strategic sites, with the broad locations, amounts and order of development, included in the DPD. *Are the broad locations the most appropriate to deliver the strategy, considered against reasonable alternatives?*
- 5 Core strategies are concerned with development over a long time frame during which issues and circumstances may change. *Does the strategy show sufficient flexibility to handle contingencies through the plan period?*

These notes are intended to guide, not inhibit discussion at the session. Other questions may arise during discussion of each bullet point and any points from participants' representations which they believe have not been covered may be raised under any other relevant issues at the end of the session.

- 6 Any other relevant issues.