

MATTER 10

Implementation and Monitoring

Issue 1 – Indicators and Targets

1.1. Are the Performance Monitoring Indicators and targets specific and measurable?

- 1.1.1 Yes. The monitoring indicators are specific and can be used to measure the implementation of the LP against the LP objectives and policies. The data source for each indicator is listed in the monitoring table.

Issue 2 – Review Mechanisms

2.1 Is the LP clear as to when a review or partial review of the LP would be triggered due to a failure to meet key targets, for example for those relating to the delivery of housing?

- 2.1.1 Yes. The Council has included a main modification in response to the Inspector's preliminary questions which clarifies when a full or partial review of the LP will be considered this relates to housing delivery or where there is a significant change in national policy or the evidence base. The Monitoring Indicators table highlights which indicators will be taken into account when considering if a LP review is necessary.(MM65)

2.2 Should the LP include a review mechanism in the event that there are unmet needs arising from Stoke or Newcastle-under-Lyme?

- 2.2.1 No. There should not be an automatic mechanism whereby a review of the Local Plan is triggered in the event that there are unmet needs arising from Stoke or Newcastle-under-Lyme. As identified the signed Statement of Common Ground with Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council and Stafford Borough Council, Stoke and Newcastle is a self-contained Housing Market Area (HMA). Whilst it is recognised that this HMA shares strong relations with Staffordshire Moorlands, this also applies to Stafford Borough and Cheshire East (ED9.3, Paragraph 3.8).
- 2.2.2 Nevertheless, the signed Statement of Common Ground does make provision for the consideration of a review of its contents in the event of a Development Plan update or review (ED9.3, Paragraph 6.3).