Committee: Public Engagement Working Group

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Title: Public Engagement Report

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Summary

1. This report summarises key public engagement methods currently used by the Council.

2. The purpose is to provide information which can be used as basis for discussion around any alternative public engagement methods the Council may wish to adopt.

Recommendations

3. None

Financial Implications

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

5. None

Impact

6.

Communication/Consultation	This report covers communication and consultations methods used by the Council
Community Safety	This report covers the engagement methods of the Communities Team, including Community Safety
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None

Workforce/Workplace	None
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Situation

- 7. The Public Engagement Working Group was established to investigate and recommend new ways for the Council to engage with the public.
- 8. This report was requested by the working group and summarises the key ways in which the Council currently engages with the public.
- 9. It provides an overview of the engagement activities across the Council, as well as the frequency of the engagement and the target audiences.
- 10. The report takes into account the widest possible definition of public engagement. It includes the methods through which the Council provides information to residents and also the opportunities for residents to respond, for example, via public consultation within the *Uttlesford Life* magazine.