

Committee: Planning Policy Working group

Agenda Item

Date: 16 February 2016

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Title: Statement of Community Involvement

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Barker

Summary

1. The Council adopted a Statement of Community Involvement in June 2015. Officers have carried out a review and refresh of the document. The Statement was considered by the Planning Policy Working Group and now needs to be approved by Cabinet for formal public consultation.

Recommendations

2. To approve the Statement of Community Involvement for formal public consultation.

Financial Implications

3. None – consultation expenses can be met from existing budgets.

Background Papers

4. There are no background papers.

Impact

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| Communication/Consultation | The SCI will be subject to a six week period of consultation. |
| Community Safety | N/A |
| Equalities | The SCI makes sure that the methods of consultation used are such that all groups can be involved in consultation processes |
| Health and Safety | N/A |
| Human Rights/Legal Implications | N/A |
| Sustainability | N/A |
| Ward-specific impacts | All |

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| Workforce/Workplace | N/A |
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Situation

6. The Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in June 2015 following the statutory process. The document sets out the Council's approach to public consultation and involvement in the preparation of the Local Plan, other development plan documents and in the determination of planning applications.
7. Officers have carried out a review and refresh of the document.
8. The Statement has been updated following discussion at the Planning Policy Working Group. The consultation with statutory consultees will run for a 6 week period. The responses to the consultation will be reported to a future working group meeting and then to Cabinet for formal adoption.

Risk Analysis

| Risk | Likelihood | Impact | Mitigating actions |
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| If the Council does not have an up to date SCI and has not carried out consultation in accordance with the regulations and the Statement of Community Involvement the Local Plan could be found 'un sound' at examination. | 1. Low as SCI being reviewed and consultation planned. | 2. Delays in adopting the Local Plan. | Making sure that the SCI is up to date and in accordance with the relevant regulations. |

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.