

Committee: Planning Policy Working group

Agenda Item

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Title: Statement of Community Involvement

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Summary

1. The Council adopted a Statement of Community Involvement in 2016. Officers have carried out a review and refresh of the document and seek comments from the Working Group before carrying out a formal public consultation.

Recommendations

2. To comment on the updated Statement of Community Involvement and suggest any necessary updates prior to 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

Workforce/Workplace	N/A
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Situation

6. The Council adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in 2016 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 and seek the views of the Working Group before carrying out a formal public consultation.
8. A review of the SCI is necessary in order to take account of:
 - Up to date legislation and approach to plan preparation it necessitates
 - Need for more efficient/focused engagement with key stakeholders
9. Subject to any comments of the 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 prior to consideration at Cabinet.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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 to have failed the legal compliance test at examination.	Low	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.