

Committee: Planning Policy Working Group
Title: Local Plan Statement of Community Involvement

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Summary

1. This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been updated in preparation for the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.

Recommendations

2. That Planning Policy Working Group considers the updated Statement of Community Involvement and recommends to Cabinet that the document is subject to a six week consultation from 7 January to 18 February.

Financial Implications

3. None.

Background Papers

4. Appendix 1 – Updated Statement of Community Involvement

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	The SCI will be subject to a period of consultation.
Community Safety	N/a
Equalities	The SCI makes supports methods of consultation 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

Situation

6. The Council adopted its SCI in January 2018, 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 to support the Council's submission of the Local Plan. The views of the Planning Policy Working Group are sought prior to carrying out a formal consultation on the SCI.
8. The main changes to the SCI are to reflect the arrangements for publishing the Addendum to the Local Plan and the updated Sustainability Appraisal for a period of representations to be submitted.
9. Subject to the views of PPWG and Cabinet the consultation on the SCI is due to run for six weeks from 7 January to 18 February.

Risk Analysis

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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.	2 – Unlikely	4 – The Council could be required to undertake additional periods of consultation and resubmit the Plan	The review of the SCI is intended to ensure the Local Plan is ready for submission

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.