

Statement of Community Involvement

Summary

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the Council will involve the community in both the preparation of the Local Plans and associated Development Plan Documents such as Area Action Plans. It forms part of the Local Plan. The Executive agreed to the consultation on the Draft SCI in March 2017. This report seeks adoption of the SCI following consultation.

Portfolio: Regulatory

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 14th June 2017

Wards Affected

All

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE to adopt the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.

1. Resource Implications

- 1.1 Production of the SCI has been undertaken in-house. There are no resource implications beyond that provided for within the agreed budget for 2017/18.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The Executive agreed the Local Development Scheme for the production of a new Local Plan in October 2016. The SCI will form part of the Local Plan. The Council's previous SCI was adopted in May 2012. This document is an update to the 2012 SCI and takes into account changes in legislation and guidance since 2012. The Document reflects that adopted in 2012. The changes are :

- Duty to Co-operate requirements;
- Updated community contacts; and
- Changes around Neighbourhood Planning.

- 2.2 The updated SCI will support the Council's Plan Making process.

- 2.3 Following consultation there have been two minor changes to the SCI. these are:

- Increase references to the use of social media in how the Council will consult with the community; and
- Include reference in the introduction to the fact that the SCI contains a number of technical references.

3. Options

3.1 The Executive has two options as follows:

- i) ADOPT the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI); or
- ii) NOT ADOPT the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

4. Proposals

4.1 The proposal is for the Executive to adopt the Statement of Consultation. This is to ensure compliance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

5. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

5.1 The SCI supports the following objectives:

- Making Surrey Heath an even better place where people are happy to live;
- Building and encouraging communities where people can live happily and healthily; and
- Sustaining and promoting our local economy so that our people can work and do business across Surrey Heath.

6. Policy Framework

6.1 The SCI will form part of the Local Development Framework.

7. Legal Issues

7.1 There are not considered to be any legal issues with respect to the SCI.

8. Governance Issues

8.1 None arising.

9. Sustainability

9.1 The SCI does not require sustainability appraisal (SA), strategic environmental assessment (SEA) or an Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

10. Consultation

10.1 The draft SCI was subject to public consultation in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Development) (England) 2004 (as amended) following agreement by

the Executive. The consultation ran from 22 March to 3 May 2017. A Statement of Consultation is appended to this report.

Annexes	Annex A - Statement of Community Involvement as amended following consultation. Annex B - Statement of Consultation.
Background Papers	None
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	30 th May 2017
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	30 th May 2017
Policy Framework		
Legal	✓	30 th May 2017
Governance		
Sustainability		
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment	✓	30 th May 2017
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation		
P R & Marketing	✓	30 th May 2017

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