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Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Consultation

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2. Recommendation

That Cabinet approve the Statement of Community Involvement for a 6-week public consultation.

3. Background

- 3.1 It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 for a Local Authority to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). An SCI sets out the Council's approach to engagement with the public and other stakeholders on planning policy and development management matters, to ensure that people are involved in planning decisions that affect them.
- 3.2 Under regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) local planning authorities must review Statements of Community Involvement at least once every 5 years to ensure effective community involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- 3.3 Government guidance recognises it is good practice for authorities to inform the public of their intention to update an SCI, and of the changes that have been made.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. An up-to-date SCI, in accordance with regulatory requirements and best practice, that promotes and enables constructive engagement in the planning process with the Council.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 The current adopted SCI was last revised in January 2018. The draft Statement has been updated with factual amendments to reflect minor

changes to planning processes, and to provide new hyperlinks to relevant guidance and supplementary information.

5.2 The SCI contains;

- A description of the council's commitments to ensuring that our engagements are clear, inclusive, accessible, transparent and accountable.
- An explanation of how these commitments are applied within planning policy and development management.
- An illustration of the stages of Development Plan Document (DPD) production, and a narrative of the processes of engagement within DPD and Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) preparation
- A list of statutory consultees and other consultation bodies.
- Information on neighbourhood planning and associated council support.
- A description of Development Management consultation, publicity and decision making processes.

6. Alternatives that have been considered

6.1 The alternative is not to proceed with updating the SCI. This may, however, result in the document not complying with Government regulations and best practice.

7. Resource and legal implications

7.1 There are no significant resources or legal implications arising from the revision of the SCI.

8. Consultation

8.1 The draft SCI was considered by the Development Plan and Infrastructure Panel on 26 July 2023. Suggested amendments from the panel have been reflected in changes to the draft SCI.

8.2 Once approved, it will be made available for public consultation. Consultation will be undertaken for a period of 6 weeks from 27th September 2023.

9. Community impact and corporate risks

9.1 Following consultation and subsequent adoption, the revised SCI will continue to provide clarity and transparency on the Council's approach to engaging the public and other stakeholders in all planning policy and development management matters and will form a commitment that will need to be considered when undertaking consultation.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		✓
Climate Change		✓
Human Rights and Equality Impact		✓

Safeguarding and Early Help		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) The SCI references established arrangements to ensure the necessary protection of personal information	✓	
Health and Wellbeing		✓

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 – Revised SCI

12. Background Papers

12.1 None