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Making the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan

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2. Recommendations

2.1. That Cabinet recommends to the Council to:

Make the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

3. Background

- 3.1. At its meeting on 7 July 2020 Cabinet approved the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's recommendations that the Plan should proceed to referendum subject to modifications and approved the Decision Statement. Following government guidance all referendums were delayed as a result of the on-going pandemic until 6 May 2021. A referendum on the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan was therefore held on 6 May 2021. The referendum was held in accordance with the requirements of the *Localism Act 2011* and the *Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012*. There were 305 votes in favour of the neighbourhood plan which represents 89% of those who voted and a turnout of 42.2%. As more than 50% of those who voted in the parish were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area, then the neighbourhood plan can be 'made'.
- 3.2. Accordingly, on the basis of the favourable referendum result, it is recommended that the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan is made part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park). A copy of the Neighbourhood Plan is available on the Council's website.
- 3.3. Chichester District Council will publish a formal decision statement as required under the *Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012*.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1. A community based statutory plan that can be used to identify local features of importance and to guide future development in the plan area.

5. Proposal

- 5.1. That the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan be made so that it forms part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1. Paragraph 38A (4) (a) of the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004* requires that Chichester District Council must make the neighbourhood plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. Chichester District Council is not subject to this duty if (and only if) the making of the plan would breach or would otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the *Human Rights Act 1998*).

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1. The referendum incurred appropriate costs in line with the Council's duties and procedures. These costs will be met through existing budgets and grant money can be reclaimed from the Government to cover this part of the process.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Boxgrove Parish Council, the local community and local members have been involved throughout the process of preparation of the neighbourhood plan.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1. There has been strong community involvement throughout the development of the Neighbourhood Plan. There are no additional corporate risks to making the plan.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		x
Climate Change and Biodiversity The plan recognises the value of supporting renewable and low carbon sources. It also seeks to incorporate biodiversity within and around development in general	x	
Human Rights and Equality Impact		x
Safeguarding and Early Help		x
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		x
Health and Wellbeing The plan supports independent living along with overall provision of	x	

general healthcare facilities. In addition, it looks to protect open space and local green space.		
Other		x

11. Appendices

11.1 None.

12. Background Papers

12.1. None.