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Making the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan

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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Council be recommended to make the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood 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 8 September 2015 Cabinet approved the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's recommendation to proceed to referendum subject to modifications and approved the Decision Statement. The Plan has subsequently proceeded to referendum. The referendum held on Thursday 5 November 2015 met the requirements of the *Localism Act 2011* and the *Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012*. More than 50% of those who voted were in favour of the plan being used to help decide planning applications in the plan area. The turn-out was 27.38% and of those who voted 87% were in favour of the Plan.
- 3.2. Accordingly it is recommended that the Southbourne Parish 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 Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been placed in the Members' Room and 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. The making of the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan so that it becomes part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

5. Proposal

- 5.1. That the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood 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 that have been 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*). The making of the plan does not appear to breach or be incompatible with such legislation.

7. Resource and legal implications

- 7.1. None.

8. Consultation

- 8.1. Southbourne Parish Council, the 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 through the development of the Southbourne Parish Neighbourhood Plan. There are no additional corporate risks to making the plan.

10. Other Implications

Crime & Disorder:	None
Climate Change:	None
Human Rights and Equality Impact:	None
Safeguarding:	None

11. Background Papers

- 12.1 None