

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2019

Title of report	STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Key Decision	a) Financial No b) Community Yes
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Purpose of report	To agree a new Statement of Community (SCI) Involvement.
Reason for Decision	In accordance with the Council’s constitution Cabinet is required to approve the new Statement of Community Involvement. The new SCI is attached to Appendix A of this report.
Council Priorities	Value for Money Businesses and Jobs Homes and Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	The production of a new Statement of Community Involvement has been met from existing staff and financial resources.
Link to relevant CAT	None
Risk Management	A failure to engage effectively and constructively in the preparation of the Local Plan and in determining planning applications could leave the Council vulnerable to challenge. Having an up-to-date Statement of Community Involvement will help to minimise this risk.
Equalities Impact Screening	The Statement of Community Involvement has been subject to an Equalities and Human Rights Impact Assessment. A copy of this is available is from the Planning Policy Team in Room 102.

Human Rights	No discernible impact
Transformational Government	Not applicable
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The Report is Satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	The Report is Satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The Report is Satisfactory
Consultees	Local Plan Committee
Background papers	<p>Consultation responses, copies of which are held by the Planning Policy Team in Room 102.</p> <p>National Planning Policy Framework which can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-planning-policy-framework--2</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 which can found at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/767/contents/made</p> <p>The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2015 which can be found at https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/595/contents/made</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 which can be found at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/20/contents/enacted</p>
Recommendation	THAT CABINET AGREE TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NEW STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX A.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The National Planning Policy Framework states that in the preparation of Local Plans *“Early and meaningful engagement and collaboration with neighbourhoods, local organisations and businesses is essential”*.
- 1.2 Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 North West Leicestershire District Council is required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The purpose

of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is to set out how the Council will involve the local community, businesses, key organisations and others in preparing its Local Plans, other important planning documents and in processing planning applications.

- 1.4 A consultation draft of the revised SCI was considered by the Local Plan Committee in June 2018 and it was approved for the purpose of public consultation.
- 1.5 Consultation was undertaken on the SCI between 25 June 2018 and 28 August 2018.
- 1.6 A total of 8 responses were received in respect of the SCI consultation from agencies and bodies and members of the public. A summary of the responses and the suggested changes to the SCI is attached at Appendix B.
- 1.7 A further report was taken to the Local Plan Committee on 7 November 2018 outlining for members the response to the consultation and suggested changes to the SCI. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix C of this report.
- 1.8 Local Plan Committee agreed the recommendations as set out in the report.
- 1.9 As noted in paragraph 4.1 of the Local Plan Committee Report, the revised SCI will be considered by a meeting of Cabinet to consider the adoption of the SCI. This is in accordance with the Council's constitution and the relevant legislation.
- 1.10 For the reasons set out in the Local Plan Committee report it is considered that the revised SCI should be approved and adopted.