

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2015

Title of report	LOCAL PLAN – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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Purpose of report	To outline for Members proposals for engaging with local communities and businesses on the draft Local Plan when it has been agreed by Council.
Council Priorities	<p>These are taken from the Council Delivery Plan:</p> <p>Value for Money Business and Jobs Homes and Communities Green Footprints Challenge</p>
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial/Staff</p> <p>Link to relevant CAT</p> <p>Risk Management</p> <p>Equalities Impact Screening</p> <p>Human Rights</p> <p>Transformational Government</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>A failure to engage effectively and constructively in the preparation of the Local Plan could leave the Council vulnerable to challenge.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Not applicable</p>

Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory
Consultees	Local Plan Project Board
Background papers	Statement of Community Involvement , January 2015 http://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/documents/s5840/Cabinet%20-%202013%20Jan%2015%20-%20SCI%20Appendix%20A%20Final.pdf
Recommendations	THAT MEMBERS NOTE THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will be aware that an important part of the process of preparing the Local Plan is to engage with local communities and businesses. A new Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out in general terms how the Council will engage on planning matters was approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 January 2015.
- 1.2 The SCI by its nature is generic and it will be necessary to determine the exact nature and form of engagement depending upon the plan being prepared, its nature and scope and the stage of preparation.
- 1.3 When the draft Local Plan has been agreed by Council it will then be published for consultation to ascertain the views of all those with an interest in the future of the district. The SCI suggests that at this stage in the preparation of the Local Plan that consultation will be for 6-12 weeks. It is considered that 12 weeks would be appropriate and should ensure that all those who wish to engage with the consultation can do so.
- 1.4 In order to plan and undertake the consultation in a structured manner a Community Engagement Plan has been prepared and is attached at Appendix A of this report. When there is an agreed date for the Local Plan to go to Council then it will be possible to add in some dates to the various strands of the Community Engagement Plan.