

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Advisory Report

Decision Maker:	Regulatory Committee
Date:	18 October 2017
Title:	Statement of Community Involvement
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to brief Members on the update to Hampshire's Statement of Community Involvement, which will be considered by the County Council at its meeting on 2 November 2017 for adoption. The update to the document is to ensure that it is compliant with recent changes to legislation and Government guidance, and to ensure that it includes improved procedures for public consultation on planning matters.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. The Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory planning document (required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) that sets out how the County Council, as a Local Planning Authority, will involve the local community (consultees and interested parties) in:
 - preparing and reviewing the minerals and waste planning policy documents; and
 - local decision making on planning applications for minerals, waste and County Council developments.
- 2.2. The current Statement of Community Involvement was adopted by the County Council in May 2014, and reflected changes to legislation, such as the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008, the Localism Act 2011 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2.3. Since then, new National Planning Practice Guidance has been introduced, along with amended legislation relating to Development Management Procedures and Environmental Impact Assessments. The Strategic Planning team has also carried out a review of the service to identify service efficiencies and improvements for customers, and therefore this presented a good opportunity to review the Statement in order to ensure that it reflects current practice and is as user friendly as possible.

- 2.4. The Statement of Community Involvement complements corporate policy on communicating with the public. Satisfying the relevant regulations in relation to community involvement in the planning process, the Statement demonstrates best practice and the County Council's desire to work in partnership and collaboration with local communities and interested parties. It also reflects new corporate measures relating to privacy, as appropriate.
- 2.5. To ensure the effectiveness of the revised Statement of Community Involvement, and to ensure that the needs of the customer are met, approval was sought from the Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 12 October 2016 to undertake a six week public consultation. The decision gave delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to amend the document in light of comments received, in consultation with the Executive Member, prior to the submission of the finalised Statement of Community Involvement to the County Council for adoption.
- 2.6. The public consultation took place from 7 November – 19 December 2016, to which 29 responses were received. The representations received have been summarised in a report (found in Appendix B) which identifies how they have been taken into account in the finalised version of the Statement of Community Involvement, as appropriate.
- 2.7. The revised Statement of Community Involvement can be found in Appendix C and will be going to the County Council meeting on 2 November 2017 for consideration. If adopted by the County Council, this revised document will replace the version adopted in 2014.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. The Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory planning document required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and required updating as a result of legislative changes.
- 3.2. The revised Statement of Community Involvement was subject to public consultation for a six week period last November and December, and as a result an updated document has been produced.
- 3.3. The updated Statement of Community Involvement will be considered by the County Council meeting on 2 November 2017, and if approved will be adopted as a statutory planning document and replace the existing 2014 version.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	Yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Report to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport - Update to Hampshire Statement of Community Involvement – 12 October 2016

Location

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/getdecisiondocumentfile?item_doc_ID=17841&file=Update%20to%20Hampshire%20Statement%20of%20Community%20Involvement%20Report.pdf&type=pdf

Appendix B

Summary report of consultations on the Statement of Community Involvement



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Appendix C

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