

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet**  
PART I

**1. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 1.1. At its meeting on 10 October 2023 the Cabinet considered and approved the updated Statement of Community Involvement for planning matters, following the public consultation exercise which closed on 30 July 2023. The Statement of Community Involvement is a development plan document, which sets out how the County Council will involve consultees, interested parties and local communities in the preparation of Local Plan documents and planning applications. It is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and must be updated every five years.
- 1.2. The key changes are listed below:
- References to updated Legislation and policy.
  - Changes to make the Statement easier to read and understand.
  - Reference to social media and wider consultation techniques.
  - Reference to Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004.
  - Update to current processes to reflect improvements.
  - Change to the planning application consultation period from 28 to 21 days to provide consistency across consultees.
- 1.3. Full details of the changes and the consultation responses are included in the report to Cabinet. The full report can be found at item 8 on the following link and is appended to this report: [Cabinet - 10th October 2023](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council adopts the updated Hampshire Statement of Community Involvement as a statutory planning document in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.