

REPORT OF THE  
**Chief Executive**  
PART I

**1. HAMPSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 1.1 The Hampshire Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory planning document, as required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, that sets out how the County Council will involve consultees, interested parties and local communities in:
- preparing and reviewing minerals and waste planning documents; and
  - local decision making on planning applications for minerals, waste and County Council developments.
- 1.2 A Statement of Community Involvement was adopted by the County Council at its meeting on 30 May 2014, however changes to legislation have required a review of that document. This has provided an opportunity to ensure that the document reflects current working practices, following a review of the planning service to deliver further efficiencies and ensure it is customer focussed.
- 1.3 The Statement of Community Involvement has therefore been updated. The key changes are summarised below:
- i. Update to reflect changes as a result of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedures) Order 2015 and the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) 2017 Regulations;
  - ii. Amendments to reflect changes in current processes, largely due to improvements with the web based system that manages planning applications, and streamlining of procedures; and
  - iii. Amendments to the Statement to improve the legibility of the document and make it easier for local communities to understand.
- 1.4 A report was taken to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 12 October 2016. This gave delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment to consult with the public over a six week period on the revised Statement, and in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to make any such amendments as appropriate in response to the outcome of the consultation before submitting the updated Statement to the County Council for approval. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).
- 1.5 The public consultation took place between 7 November and 19 December 2016 and a total of 29 responses were received. These have been summarised in a report (see Annex 1) which also identifies how they have

been taken into account, as appropriate, in the updated version of the document.

1.6 The revised Statement can be found at Annex 2 to this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council:

- a) Approves the revised Statement of Community Involvement and resolves to adopt it as a statutory planning document in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- b) Delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Transport, to make any further amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement that may be required to comply with new guidance or legislation, provided that these do not significantly change the County Council's stated approach in respect of the scope, emphasis or opportunities for participation.