

# Decision Notice

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution.

**Decision Maker:** Housing, Planning and Climate Emergency Portfolio Holder

**Decision Taken On:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

**Decision in the matter of:** Review of Statement of Community Involvement

**DECISION:** That:-

- 1) the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2022, attached to the report as Appendix A be approved; and
- 2) the Director of Economy and Housing be delegated authority to permit minor updates to the SCI to comply with statutory requirements, to reflect changes in circumstance or national policy.

**Details** As contained within associated documentation.

**Reason for Decision:**

- 1) To ensure that the Council has a legally compliant and up to date SCI, to guide future consultations on the preparation of local development documents, including the local plan, supplementary planning documents and planning applications.
- 2) Under Regulation 10A of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended by the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017) a local planning authority must review the SCI at least once every five years from their adoption date to ensure it remains relevant and effective. The current SCI was approved on 7 November 2017 by the previous Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure and has therefore been reviewed and updated to meet the statutory requirements, to reflect best practice, changes in circumstances and the increased use of digital/online technology.

**Alternate Options** In undertaking the review of the SCI 2017, the Council is fulfilling the requirements of the planning legislation to review the SCI every five years. Another option may be, following the review, not to update the proposed SCI 2022. If this is the case, the Council must in accordance with statutory requirements, publish their reasons for considering that no revisions are necessary.

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| <b>Associated Documentation:</b> | As appended to this document.   |
| <b>Approved:</b>                 | Housing, Planning and Climate Emergency Portfolio Holder (Cabinet Member) |
| <b>Date:</b>                     | 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2022   |
| <b>Director:</b>                 | Robert Charnley   |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Interim Director of Economy and Housing                                   |