



Title of meeting: Cabinet
Date of meeting: 27 June 2023
Subject: Statement of Community Involvement
Report by: Ian Maguire, Assistant Director of Planning & Economic Development
Wards affected: All
Key decision: No
Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This document explains how residents and businesses can take part in the process of developing planning policy and the managing new development in the City.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Approve the updated SCI as set out in Appendix 1 of this report for a six week public consultation.

2.2 Assuming that no major matters leading to substantial changes are raised as part of the consultation, that the SCI is adopted by the City Council.

2.3 Minor amendments to the SCI arising from the consultation to be approved by the Assistant Director of Planning & Economic Growth

3. Background

3.1 The City Council last published its SCI in 2017. This is a simple update of this document in line with Government regulations and policy.

3.2 The SCI explains how people can engage in the two main parts of planning namely policy and development management.

3.3 People can send in comments on the SCI during the six week consultation period that will start shortly after the Cabinet meeting in June.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 The SCI explains the different stages for preparing a local plan and how people can engage in this process in Portsmouth. Whether we have complied with these commitments will be tested at our Local Plan examination. The SCI also explains how some of the evidence base supporting the Local Plan will be consulted on.



4.2 The SCI sets out how the Council makes information on planning applications available to the public and how comments on such applications can be made. There is a useful table that explains the different notification methods for different types of planning applications in Portsmouth.

5. **Integrated impact assessment**

5.1 An Integrated impact assessment is not needed for the LDS. This is because the 2023 LDS is an update to a previous document. The principle of preparing a new Local Plan for Portsmouth is well established and is not a new initiative.

6. **Legal implications**

6.1 It is a statutory requirement that we keep local communities and other key stakeholders informed of our activities in respect to plan making, planning applications and other planning matters such as the Community Infrastructure Levy. Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), as elaborated by paragraph 035 of the Planning Practice Guidance for plan making sets out that local authorities must set out through their SCI how they will engage communities on the preliminary stages of plan-making, as well as decision-making functions under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Further to this, section 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 requires that SCIs also set out how the Council will support groups undertaking neighbourhood planning.

7. **Director of Finance's comments**

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Portsmouth Statement of Community Involvement (2017)	https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Statement-of-Community-Involvement.pdf

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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