

## Delegated Cabinet Member Key Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker and Portfolio area:</b>	<b>Councillor Roberts, Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Neighbourhoods</b>
	<b>In consultation with Helen Lockwood, Executive Director Economy, Skills &amp; Neighbourhoods</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>2 August 2018</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Draft Statement of Community Involvement</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Georgina Brownridge</b>
<b>Ward (s):</b>	<b>All. All borough Councillors will be consulted as part of the consultation on the draft SCI.</b>

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### **Reason for the decision:**

**Summary:** To seek approval for public consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which will set out how the council will involve the community in the preparation and the revision of the Local Plan and the consideration of planning applications.

***What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):***

Option 1 – To approve the six week public consultation on the draft SCI. This will mean that the SCI will be delivered in line with the Scheme of Delegation, which recognises the importance of continued engagement on this planning document. It will also mean that stakeholders and the public will be able to express their views on how they would like to be engaged in the planning process.

Option 2 – To not approve the six week public consultation on the draft SCI. This would mean

that the SCI is not delivered in line with the Scheme of Delegation and the public will not be able to express their views on how they would like to be engaged in the planning process which may make them feel disempowered.

**Recommendation(s):**

To approve the six week public consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement.

**Implications:**

*What are the **financial** implications?*

In line with the existing SCI, the Statement of Availability (public notice) for the draft SCI will be placed in a local advertisement. The draft SCI and Statement of Availability will be placed in public libraries and at the planning reception. The Statement of Availability will be sent to stakeholders on the Local Plan mailing list, although many of these can be contacted electronically.

Cost incurred will therefore be in relation to the public notice, printing and postage. It is anticipated that these costs will be in the region of £600 to £1,000 depending upon the cost of the public notice, which will be met from within the Strategic Planning and Information's revenue budget (Cost code 23700 K108).

No additional cost will arise to the authority

**(Chris Curran / Sadrul Alam)**

*What are the **procurement** implications?*

None.

*What are the **legal** implications?*

It is necessary for the Council to have a Statement of Community Involvement and in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation for LDF matters, the relevant Portfolio Holder must approve the draft Statement for public consultation. (A Evans)

*What are the **Human Resources** implications?*

None.

***Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment** attached or not required because (please give reason)*

Attached.

*What are the **property** implications*

No comments (Peter Wood)

**Risks:**

No specific risk comments (Mark Stenson)

**Co-operative agenda**

The draft SCI links to the Corporate Plan and co-operative agenda as it seeks to promote working with a resident focus through encouraging residents and other stakeholders to be engaged in the planning process. The SCI sets out what methods we will use to engage with people (#ourbit), how people can comment and get involved in the planning process (#yourbit) and the result is a Local Plan / planning decisions that have been influenced together (#result).

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Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?

Yes

Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?

Yes

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

No

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***Reason why this Is a Key Decision***

(2) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more Wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.

The Key Decision made as a result of this report will be published within **48 hours** and cannot be actioned until **five working days** have elapsed from the publication date of the decision, i.e. before 10 August 2018, unless exempt from call-in.

This item has been included on the Forward Plan under reference NEICO-02-18.

## List of Background Papers under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

There are no background papers for this report

<b>Report Author Sign-off:</b>	<i>G.Brownridge</i>
<b>Date:</b>	02.08.2018

Please list any appendices:-

<b>Appendix number or letter</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Draft Statement of Community Involvement
2	Equality Impact Assessment

### **Background:**

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). Oldham Council first adopted its SCI in April 2007. It identified how the council would involve the community in the preparation and revision of the Local Plan and the consideration of planning applications.

It was then reviewed in 2010 and 2016 to take account of changes to national planning guidance published in PPS12 in 2008 and the Localism Act 2011, the Local Planning Regulations 2012 and the deletion of most Planning Policy Statements and their replacement by National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012. In addition, the ten Greater Manchester authorities agreed to produce a joint Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) Development Plan Document (DPD) in 2015. The GMSF will provide the overarching framework to strategically manage sustainable growth and development across the conurbation over the next twenty years or so.

Since the SCI was reviewed and adopted in 2016, the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017, The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and proposed changes to NPPF and its guidance have been published. These require councils to set out their policies for giving advice or assistance to neighbourhood planning groups and their policies for involving communities and other interested parties in the preliminary stages of plan making. It was also felt that the SCI needed refreshing as we progress the GMSF and the Local Plan review.

The draft SCI outlines the techniques that may be used to engage the community at the various stages of preparation of DPDs, Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs), Supplementary Planning Documents and Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment. It also outlines how the community will be consulted on planning applications.

Changes to the Regulations introduced in 2012 mean that there is no longer an obligation to undertake consultation before the SCI can be adopted. Nevertheless, the council considers it appropriate to continue to consult on revisions to the SCI. Public consultation on the draft SCI is proposed for a period of six weeks.

Following consultation, the council will consider the responses received and a final SCI and report will be submitted to full council recommending to adopt the SCI.

**Proposals:**

Option 1 – To approve the six week public consultation on the draft SCI. This will mean that the SCI will be informed by the community and the SCI will be delivered in line with the Scheme of Delegation, which recognises the importance of continued engagement on this planning document.

Option 2 – To not approve the six week public consultation on the draft SCI. This would mean that the SCI is not delivered in line with the Scheme of Delegation and the public will not have been able to express their views in how they would like to be engaged in the planning process which will make them feel disempowered.

**Conclusions:**

It is recommended to approve the six week public consultation on the draft SCI. This will mean that the SCI will be informed by the community and the SCI will be delivered in line with the Scheme of Delegation, which recognises the importance of continued engagement on this planning document (Option 1).

Signed: (Executive Director/Director)

Hockwood Date: 8/8/18

