

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment |
| Date: | 6 May 2014 |
| Title: | Hampshire Statement of Community Involvement |
| Reference: | 5777 |
| Report From: | Director of Economy, Transport and Environment |

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to Full Council that the Statement of Community Involvement be adopted.
- 1.2. That the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment recommends to Full Council that the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member, be given delegated authority to make further detailed and/or technical 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 scope, emphasis or opportunities for participation set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The Planning Act 2008 and the consequent Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 altered the regulatory framework with which the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) must comply.
- 2.2. The Localism Act 2011 set out a series of measures with the potential to achieve a substantial and lasting shift in power away from central government and towards local people. Although the Localism Act did not propose any changes to the requirements for the SCI, it did introduce the 'duty to co-operate' and set out the requirements for consultation with key bodies and organisations on matters of strategic cross-boundary significance. This issue therefore links to the SCI and needs to be reflected in a revised SCI

- 2.3. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning (England) Regulations 2012 revised local planning regulations and introduced changes which were relevant to the SCI including simplified plan-making stages, more streamlined consultation and engagement requirements, and the need to take account of increased use and availability of electronic communications. These changes also need to be reflected in a revised SCI.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. A partial review of the SCI was considered. However, this was not considered to be appropriate as the SCI adopted in 2006 already has an associated addendum. It was therefore considered to be prudent to fully review and update the SCI, producing a new SCI which would replace the currently adopted SCI as well as its associated addendum.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In reaching this decision, I have noted and taken on board the recommendation of the Select Committee.

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| Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment Councillor Seán D T Woodward | Date: 6 May 2014 |
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