

REPORT OF THE  
Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment  
PART I

**75. HAMPSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

1. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a statutory planning document that sets out how Hampshire County Council will involve the local community (consultees and interested parties) in:

- preparing and reviewing the minerals and waste planning policy documents; and
- in local decision making on planning applications for minerals, waste and County Council developments

2. A SCI was adopted by the County Council in 2006. Since the SCI was adopted, various changes in legislation have occurred, which have been reflected through an amendment in 2008 and the adoption of an addendum in 2010.

3. Following the adoption of the addendum of the SCI, further changes in legislation have occurred. The Localism Act 2011 set out a series of measures which were intended by the Government to achieve a substantial and lasting shift in power away from central government and towards local people. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, revised local planning regulations and introduced a number of changes which are relevant to the SCI. In particular:

- a simplified plan preparation process with fewer formal preparation stages;
- more streamlined consultation and engagement requirements which reflect the simplified system; and
- a requirement to take account of the increased use and availability of electronic communications.

4. As a result of the changes to legislation and regulation, a review of the adopted SCI is required. The proposed revised SCI was considered by the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment at his decision day on 6 May 2014. A copy of the Report, including the recommendations of the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, is attached at Annex 1 to this Report. A copy of the revised SCI may be found at: [www.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/sci-2.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/sci-2.htm)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council:

1. Adopt the revised Statement of Community Involvement, as set out at Appendix 1.
2. Delegates authority to the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment, to make any 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 County Council's stated approach in respect of the scope, emphasis or opportunities for participation.