



CABINET

1ST MAY 2014

AGENDA ITEM (7)(A)

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Accountable Member	Councillor NJW Parsons Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Forward Planning
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Purpose of Report	To provide the Cabinet with an overview of the need to update the Statement of Community Involvement. To seek the Cabinet's approval to conduct a period of consultation for the updated Statement of Community Involvement.
Recommendation	That, subject to any amendments, the Statement of Community Involvement be made available for public consultation for a period of six weeks.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To enable the Cabinet to formally consider and approve the content of the updated Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation. To enable the Council to progress towards adopting an up-to-date Statement that complies with the National Planning Policy Framework and new National Planning Practice Guidance.

Ward(s) Affected	None directly affected
Key Decision	Yes
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	The only direct financial implication is the cost associated with printing and distributing the document. These costs will be funded from the Local Plan earmarked reserve.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	None directly arising from this report.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None directly arising from this report
Human Resource Implications	None directly arising from this report.

Key Risks	None directly arising from this report.
Equalities Impact Assessment	None directly arising from this report.

Related Decisions	None
Background Documents	Statement of Community Involvement (January 2007). Changes to SCI May 2010 and January 2012.
Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Statement of Community Involvement (April 2014)

Performance Management Follow Up	Subject to approval by the Cabinet, to undertake a six-week consultation exercise
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Background Information

1. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted by the Council in January 2007. Subsequent minor amendments were made in May 2010 to Section 13 in order to bring the SCI up-to-date and to correct minor errors.
2. In light of changes to the on-line planning service to allow representations made in respect of planning and similar applications to be viewed on the Web Site, a minor amendment was made to the SCI in January 2012.
3. In order to take account of recent changes to the planning system, and the publication of new guidance, a comprehensive review of the SCI has been undertaken.
4. A copy of the revised SCI is attached at **Appendix 'A'**. It complies with the National Planning Policy Framework and the new National Planning Practice Guidance, as well as reflecting the most up-to-date consultation methods and practices used by the Council for Development Management and Local Plan matters.
5. Due to the extensive changes to the adopted SCI, it would be appropriate to conduct a period of public consultation. The paper will be made available for public consultation over a six-week period commencing approximately two weeks after the date of this Meeting. Representations received during the six-week consultation period will be taken into account to compile the final document.
6. Changes to legislation mean that the SCI is no longer subject to an Examination process with the Planning Inspectorate. The final document will be presented to the Cabinet for consideration of adoption.
7. Please note the format of presentation for the final document may change as it is entered into the Council's on-line consultation software.

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