

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 11 April 2019

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Physical Environment

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 This report seeks approval of an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of Halton's Local Plan.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) the Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix A) be adopted as a Local Plan Document as required by the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) 2004 Regulations;**
- 2) the results of the public consultation, as set out in the Statement of Consultation (Appendix B) are noted; and**
- 3) further editorial and technical changes that do not materially affect the content or intended purpose of the SCI be agreed by the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for the Physical Environment before the document is published.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 A draft Statement of Community Involvement was approved for the purposes of public consultation by the Executive Board on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 for a period of six weeks (from 3<sup>rd</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019). It was resolved that the results of the public consultation exercise and the updated SCI be reported back to the Executive Board. The results of the consultation are set out in Appendix B.

3.2 The SCI is a statutory requirement and sets out the ways the Council will involve the local community, stakeholders and statutory bodies in the preparation and revision of Local Plans. The SCI informs the community about how and when they can get involved. The SCI also describes the Council's procedures and arrangements for involving the community when considering planning applications and major proposals for development. Once adopted the procedures contained in an adopted

SCI must be followed for consultation on all Local Plan documents and all planning applications within Halton.

- 3.3 The Council's first SCI was adopted in 2007 and revised in 2013. It is being updated in 2019 because there have been a number of legislative changes to the way that planning documents are prepared.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The SCI has been produced to ensure the Local Planning Authority prepares the Local Plan in accordance with legal requirements.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

No other implications.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

Preparing the SCI in accordance with statutory procedures will reduce legal and financial risks to the Council.

To continue with the previous SCI entails risk because it has become increasingly out-of-date.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

No equality and diversity implications have been identified.

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004 as amended) Section 18	Planning & Transport Strategy, Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross
Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)	Planning & Transport Strategy, Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross
Halton Local Development Scheme	Planning & Transport Strategy, Municipal Building	Alasdair Cross