

Record of an individual Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Cllr Mike Murray			
Key decision?	No			
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	01/07/2016			
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Ben Davis Planning Policy Officer			
Officer contact details	Tel: 07717271941 Email: Ben.Davis@southandvale.gov.uk			
Decision	To proceed to public consultation on the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for seven weeks, expected to start 18 July 2016.			
Reasons for decision	The council is required to produce an SCI in accordance with Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The current SCI was adopted in December 2009. The document is now out of date and needs to reflect changes in legislation, national policy (e.g. National Planning Policy Framework; National Planning Practice Guidance) and the council's working practices. Recent consultations responses have criticised the existing SCI due to it being out of date. The SCI will set out how the council will engage with the community to influence new planning policy documents and consideration of planning applications. The council has committed to delivering a SCI for consultation in 2016 as indicated in the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2016 – 2018.			
Alternative options rejected	The alternative option would be to continue with the existing out date SCI and not meet the commitment in our Local Development Scheme.			

Legal implications	The council is legally required, under Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, to produce an SCI to set out how we will engage with our communities who have an interest in matters relating to development in their area.					
Financial implications	There will be costs associated with the preparation and distribution of material for the consultation on the SCI. These will be met from existing budgets.					
Other implications	None					
Background papers considered	Existing SCI Dec 2009					
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?	no					
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date		
	Ward councillors					
	Legal	Ian Price				
	Finance	Paul Sheppard				
	Human resources	Ruth Fisher				
	Sustainability	Heather Saunders				
	Diversity and equality	Cheryl Reeves				
	Communications	Andy Roberts				
	Head of service	ARD				
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No					
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	Consultation					
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature 7 7 6 6 6 7 7 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7 1 7					