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STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)

1. Decision:

- 1.1 The Cabinet noted the responses to the consultation and officer comments and approved the Consultation Statement and Adoption Statement for publication.
- 1.2 The Cabinet approved the Statement of Community Involvement 2019 for adoption.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 As set out in the Cabinet report of 4th December 2018 due to legislative changes there was a need to review and update the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 2.2 The updated SCI was the subject of a four week public consultation between 2nd January and 1st February 2019. A summary of the representations received and the officer responses to these representations is set out in the Consultation Statement attached at Appendix A of the Cabinet report. The SCI has been amended to take account of representations received by the Council.
- 2.3 The Cabinet report seeks approval for adoption of the amended Statement of Community Involvement as attached at Appendix B of the report.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 Cabinet could decide not to approve the SPD for adoption. This would not provide our customers with the knowledge on how we will engage with them when preparing planning documents and decisions. In addition this would not comply with current regulations potentially leaving the authority open to legal challenge.

AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF BUILDINGS OF LOCAL ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST: CONSULTATION

1. Decision:

- 1.1 The Cabinet approved the draft amendments, as outlined in Appendix A of the Cabinet report, to the Council's List of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest (Local List) for consultation.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 The Cabinet report gave details of a proposed consultation in connection with amendments to the Council's List of Buildings of Local Architectural and Historic Interest (commonly referred to as the "Local List") and requested approval of the draft amendments (Appendix A of the Cabinet report) and agreement to the consultation process.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 The alternative option is not to extend the 'Local List'. This would weaken the local planning authority's ability to seek to preserve or enhance the special character and appearance of the area when considering planning applications.
- 3.2 An alternative would be not to carry out such robust public consultation. This is not considered to be best practise and the 'Local List' would not carry the same amount of weight in the planning process.

(COUNCILLOR MRS LITTLE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS ITEM DUE TO HER BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A PROPERTY RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION ON THE LOCAL LIST)

SUSTAINABLE DESIGN SPD APPENDIX A UPDATE

1. Decision:

- 1.1 The Cabinet noted the content of the report and recommended to Council that the revised Appendix A of the Sustainable Design SPD –‘Space about Dwellings and Amenity Standards for all Development’ with additional wording identified following public consultation, be formally adopted.

2. Statement of Reasons:

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Cabinet on the 9th December 2018, it was recommended that the Council undertake consultation on a draft revision of Appendix A of the Sustainable Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) entitled ‘Space about Dwellings and Amenity Standards for all Development’. In accordance with the Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement, consultation took place between the 2nd January and 1st February 2019. Attached at Appendix B to the Cabinet report is a summary of the representations received and any actions proposed in light of the comments made.
- 2.2 No material objections were received to the draft revision following the consultation. The Cabinet report requests that a recommendation is made to the Council to adopt this revised guidance.

3. Any Alternative Options:

- 3.1 Status Quo - If it is not decided to approve adoption of the update to Appendix A of the SPD, it could give rise to inconsistency in interpretation of guidelines to the detriment of residential amenity and could lead to inconsistent planning decisions.
- 3.2 Partial amendment - If it is decided to adopt a partially amended updated Appendix A of the SPD, it could give rise to inconsistency in interpretation of guidelines to the detriment of residential amenity and could lead to inconsistent planning decisions.