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SUBJECT:	DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR CONSULTATION	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS03

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the Draft Statement of Community Involvement (at Appendix 1) for public consultation.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To bring to Members a revised and updated draft Statement of Community Involvement, seeking approval for its consultation prior to adoption by the Council.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In March 2006 the Council adopted its first Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) following the changes introduced through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the introduction of Local Development Frameworks.
- 3.2 The requirement for the Council to produce an SCI is contained in Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Unlike the time of the 2006 SCI's production, the Council is now able to adopt an SCI without it being submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 3.3 The SCI sets out the Council's policy on how it will involve those who have an interest in matters relating to the development of the District. This relates to the Council's functions of preparing and reviewing local plan documents and from 31 July 2018 will also apply to the preparation of Local Development Schemes together with what's known as the Survey Stage of plan preparation – where the authority updates the evidence required to produce a local plan regarding physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics, land use, population profiles, communication and transport.

- 3.4 Changes in legislation mean that an SCI must be reviewed every five years from its adoption date and must now include the local planning authority's policies for assisting in the production of neighbourhood plans.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 Planning, whether through a Local Plan or via planning applications is a process open to public involvement and scrutiny. The purpose of the SCI is to set out the procedures and methods that will be used by the Local Planning Authority to engage and/or consult when preparing new local plan documents, Supplementary Planning Documents, and the Local Development Scheme, together with assisting neighbourhood development plan production and processing planning applications.
- 4.2 The draft SCI (at Appendix 1) will, once adopted, replace the SCI that was adopted by the Council in March 2006. The changes in legislation referred to above, together with the experience of producing the adopted Local Plan Parts 1 and 2, as well as the rise of the internet's role in community consultation and publicity, have all helped inform the revision of the document.
- 4.3 The Localism Act 2011 introduced rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development, including through the production of a neighbourhood development plan. Within South Derbyshire there are currently three areas in the neighbourhood plan process, developing a vision and specific planning policies for their neighbourhood; these are Repton, Melbourne and Hilton (which includes Hoon and Marston-on-Dove).
- 4.4 Set out in Section 2 of the draft SCI is how the District Council will support parish councils or neighbourhood forums in the production of a neighbourhood plan. This will, once the revised SCI is adopted, also be referenced on the Council's neighbourhood planning webpage.
- 4.5 Other changes to the SCI include: the introduction of the revised Duty to Cooperate; the new requirement to consult the relevant Neighbourhood Planning Body on a planning application in addition to the Parish Council; a revised table of community consultation and involvement methods; and updated information on the local plan context.
- 4.6 It is intended to consult on the draft SCI for a period of 8 weeks, after which the document will be amended where necessary before being brought back to this Committee for adoption.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 To facilitate and delivery a range of integrated and sustainable housing and community infrastructure is a key aim within the Place theme of the Corporate Plan. A Statement of Community Involvement is a key tool in delivering this aim.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 The Statement of Community Involvement is, by its very nature, a mechanism for the community to understand what it can expect from the planning process, be that through policy production or planning applications.

8.0 **Background Papers**

8.1 None

9.0 **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Draft Statement of Community Involvement