

**REPORT FROM: PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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## **PENDLE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform members of the progress made in the preparation of a new Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for Pendle.

To recommend that Members adopt the Pendle SCI (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) as drafted (Appendix 1).

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That the content of the Pendle SCI (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) is noted.
- (2) That the Pendle SCI (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) is formally adopted.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To adhere to the adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- (2) To ensure compliance with Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

### **ISSUE**

- 1 The requirement for the Council to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is set out in government legislation<sup>1</sup> and the planning Regulations<sup>2</sup>.
- 2 The SCI fulfils an important role in confirming the Council's commitment to deliver a planning system which is transparent and accessible.

<sup>1</sup> [Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012, as amended](#)

- 3 The SCI confirms the measures that the Council will put in place through the plan-making and decision-taking processes, to promote stakeholder engagement and facilitate the involvement of the local community, by confirming:
  - What will be consulted on
  - How and when stakeholder engagement and public consultations will take place
  - Who will be engaged
  - How feedback will be provided
- 4 Compliance with the consultation measures set out in the SCI, is a key consideration in the examination of the Local Plan. Any failure to comply with these measures could result in the Local Plan having to be withdrawn from the examination.
- 5 Planning Regulations<sup>3</sup> require local planning authorities to review their SCI at least once every five years from its date of adoption, to ensure that it remains relevant and is effective. This commitment is reflected in the Council's adopted Local Development Scheme (LDS).
- 6 The SCI has been updated to reflect recent changes to:
  - Planning legislation, regulations, policy and guidance<sup>4</sup>
  - Best practice following the COVID-19 pandemic (i.e. the increased use of electronic and online consultation techniques)
  - The circumstances associated with the preparation of a Local Plan for Pendle.
- 7 A recent public consultation considered our proposed changes to the Pendle SCI. No comments were received in relation to these changes, and it is recommended that the Pendle SCI (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) as drafted (Appendix 1), is adopted by the Council.
- 8 The adoption of the revised SCI (Appendix 1) will ensure that the Council fulfils its legal obligations.

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** The Pendle SCI (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision) sets out the process for stakeholder engagement and public consultation to be adhered to in both plan-making and decision-taking.

**Financial:** None arising directly from this report.

**Legal:** Planning Regulations set the requirement to review the SCI within five years of the date of adoption. The Local Plan must be prepared in accordance with the measures set out in the SCI.

**Risk Management:** The Council will not have complied with the planning Regulations should it fail to review and adopt and updated SCI within the timescales set out in the planning Regulations.

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from this report.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from this report.

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from this report.

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<sup>3</sup> [Regulation 10A of the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012, as amended](#)

<sup>4</sup> The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and accompanying planning practice guidance were updated in July 2021.

**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Pendle Statement of Community Involvement (3<sup>rd</sup> Revision)

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Local Development Scheme 7<sup>th</sup> Revision \(adopted March 2022\)](#)

[Pendle Statement of Community Involvement \(adopted March 2016\)](#)

[Planning Practice Guidance: Plan-making](#)