

Subject: Statement of Community Involvement – Submission Version.

Status: For Publication.

Report to: The Cabinet.

Date: 5th July 2006.

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Key Decision:

YES

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the Submission Version of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) seeking approval for it to be submitted to the Secretary of State, and for the associated six week formal consultation. This process is in accordance with the regulatory requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:
- Embedding our customer promise (Customers)
The SCI sets the standards to be achieved by the Council in terms of involving the community in plan preparation, alteration and revision. By adhering to the SCI, relationships between the Council and its customers can be enhanced due earlier and improved communication in relation to planning issues.
 - Delivering regeneration across the borough (Economy)
As a result of the standards within the SCI, stakeholders will have opportunity to make contributions to proposals for regeneration schemes across Rossendale. This will improve stakeholder engagement and allow for views to be considered when developing regeneration proposals and relevant planning policy.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 The SCI forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and sets out Rossendale Borough Council's policy for involving stakeholders in the development of the LDF. The SCI specifically sets out the Council's policy for involving the local community and statutory consultees in the preparation of the LDF, and details the requirements for consultation on planning applications.
- 4.2 The submission version of the SCI has been produced following full public consultation on both the first draft and second drafts. Details of the representations received and how they have contributed to this submission version, can be viewed in the Statement of Consultation attached with the SCI report.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 No specific comments.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 No specific comments.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 No specific comments.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Having progressed through the required stages of production and consultation, the SCI is now at submission stage where, in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, it will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. This submission version of the SCI will also go out for a formal 6 week consultation period.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 To approve the revised Statement of Community Involvement for submission to the Secretary of State, to be followed by the statutory six weeks public consultation in accordance with Regulations 28 and 29 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 The preparation of the SCI is subject to regulations 26, 27,28 and 29 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. This requires a local authority to provide full public consultation in accordance with Annex E of PPS12.

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 • Town Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Regulations • Planning Policy Statement 12 • Planning Policy Statement 12 Companion Guide • The Planning Inspectorate: Development Plans Examination - A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Statements of Community Involvement, December 2005 • Rossendale Borough Council Local Development Scheme 	Internet and printed publications in Forward Planning Office.