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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS MADE BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & REGENERATION (JOB SHARE) ON 21 JANUARY 2019

This statement is produced in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

The following apply to the decisions listed below:

Reasons for these decisions: are contained in the Part A report attached

Other options considered and rejected: are contained in the Part A report attached

Details of conflicts of Interest declared by the Cabinet Member: none

Note of dispensation granted by the head of paid service in relation to a declared conflict of interest by that Member: none

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet Member the power to make the executive decisions set out below:

DECISION REFERENCE NO.: 4318ETR

Decision Title: Approval to publish the revised Statement of Community Involvement

Having carefully read and considered the Part A report, and the requirements of the Council's public sector equality duty in relation to the issues detailed in the body of the reports, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share)

RESOLVED

To approve publication of the revised Statement of Community Involvement dated November 2018.

Notice date: 21 January 2019

REPORT TO:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT & REGENERATION (JOB SHARE)
SUBJECT:	Approval to publish the revised Statement of Community Involvement
LEAD OFFICER:	Heather Cheesbrough, Director of Planning and Strategic Transport Steve Dennington, Head of Spatial Planning
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Paul Scott, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share)
WARDS:	All
<p>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT/ AMBITIOUS FOR CROYDON:</p> <p>The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires that a local authority should produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of the Local Development Framework process. Changes to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations in 2017 introduced (as of 6th April 2018) a requirement to review the SCI within five years of the adoption of the last statement.</p> <p>Croydon's Statement of Community Involvement was adopted on the 15th October 2012 and therefore a review of the Statement of Community Involvement is required and appropriate as the Croydon Local Plan was adopted in February 2018.</p> <p>In addition, the Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022 includes six themes regarding how the Council will operate and theme 4 is based on collaborative engagement and the SCI will certainly support this theme in planning context.</p>	
<p>FINANCIAL IMPACT</p> <p>The consultation on the revised Statement of Community Involvement and the associated officer resource was done in collaboration with the consultation on Suburban Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SDP2), which was delivered through the Spatial Planning Service budget and also supported by the Government's Planning Delivery Fund: Design Quality bid, which allocated £24,300 to the project in 2017/18.</p>	
<p>KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: Not a key decision</p>	

The Leader of the Council has delegated to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) the power to make the decisions (the Leader of the Council's decision reference number: 4318LR) set out in the recommendation below

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (Job Share) is recommended to

- 1.1 Approve publication of the revised Statement of Community Involvement dated November 2018.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 Through the development of a Local Development Framework, one of the guidance documents that is required to be produced is a Statement of Community Involvement. The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 have introduced (as of 6th April 2018) a requirement to review Statements of Community Involvement within five years of the adoption of the last statement. Croydon's Statement of Community Involvement was adopted on the 15th October 2012 and therefore, a review of the Statement of Community Involvement is required. It is also good practice to take into account any matters that were raised during the examination of a Local Plan around the consultation process. Therefore, as the Croydon Local Plan has now been adopted matters raised in the Inspector's report can be taken into account.
- 2.2 The revised Statement of Community Involvement details how the Council will engage with local and statutory stakeholders, both in preparing planning documents, and in carrying out development management functions. It also sets out how the Council will provide advice or assistance on the preparation and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans and provides an update on references to old legislation, such as the revised National Planning Policy Framework.

3. REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 3.1 The revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) takes into consideration the updates to legislation since the previous SCI was adopted in 2012. It also considers representations that were made during consultation processes and includes amendments made in consideration of those representations.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The revised Statement of Community Involvement was made available for a consultation period of 6 weeks that ran from Monday 3rd September 2018 – Monday 15th October 2018 alongside the draft Suburban Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SDP2).
- 4.2 The consultation included a newspaper advertisement in the Croydon Guardian, social media exposure on the Council's Twitter, Facebook and

Instagram, Council website updates and a notification sent to residents, all of which provided details of the consultation period, events and where the document could be viewed.

- 4.3 During the consultation period, a total of five representations were received on the revised SCI from Statutory bodies and residents.
- 4.4 The representations received were reviewed and two amendments were made to the revised SCI in light of the comments received. A summary of representations was produced (Appendix 2), including how the Council took into consideration the representations, along with the relevant changes. Where no changes were made, the summary provided an explanation as to why.

5 FINANCIAL AND RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS

1 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Current year	Medium Term Financial Strategy – 3 year forecast		
	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue Budget available				
Expenditure	1	0	0	0
Income	0			
Effect of decision from report				
Expenditure	1	0	0	0
Income				
Remaining budget	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Capital Budget available				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Effect of decision from report				
Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Remaining budget	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

The revision of the Statement of Community involvement was undertaken in house using existing Spatial Planning staff resources. Therefore no additional resources were required.

2 The effect of the decision

The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 introduced a requirement (as of 6th April 2018) to review Statements of Community Involvement within five years of the

adoption of the last statement. Croydon's Statement of Community Involvement was adopted on the 15th October 2012 and therefore, a review of the Statement of Community Involvement is required and appropriate as the Croydon Local Plan has now been adopted. If the revised Statement of Community Involvement is not approved and published, the Council will not be meeting these Regulations.

3 Risks

There are no significant risks arising directly from this report, however, if the revised Statement of Community Involvement is not approved and published, the Council will not be meeting these Regulations.

4 Future savings/efficiencies

No direct future savings or efficiencies are created.

5 Approved by: Flora Osiyemi, Head of Finance – Place, Finance Investment and Risk.

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Solicitor the Council comments that there are no legal considerations arising directly out of the recommendation in this report beyond those already contained in the body of the report.

Approved by: Sean Murphy, Head of Commercial and Property Law and Deputy Monitoring Officer on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no changes that would involve a human resources impact as the document was produced in house using existing staff resources. There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

Approved on behalf of Sue Moorman, Director of HR by Jennifer Sankar, Head of Human Resources

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 The Statement of Community Involvement is part of the suite of documents produced as part of the Local Development Framework, which produced the Local Plan. A full Equalities Impact assessment was undertaken in the production of the Local Plan which covers the SCI. Therefore, an additional separate equalities impact assessment has not been undertaken.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 9.1 The SCI is a guidance document rather than a policy document, however, the SCI would support the production and implementation of the Local Plan, which supports the protection and enhancement of the environment.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

- 10.1 There are no crime and disorder reduction impacts arising from the recommendations of this report.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/PROPOSED DECISION

- 11.1 To provide an updated Statement of Community Involvement in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 to review the Statement of Community Involvement within five years of the adoption of the last statement.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- 12.1 The only other option of not updating the current SCI would mean that the Council will not be meeting the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act and in particular the regulations that require an SCI to be updated every five years. Planning decisions that were made would be able to be challenged for this legal non-compliance. Therefore this option was rejected.

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APPENDICES: Appendix 1 – Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
Appendix 2 – Summary of representations

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None