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DRAFT KINGS WORTHY VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Kings Worthy Parish Council has drafted a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Kings Worthy with the help of consultants (Atkins), appointed by the City Council and funded from Planning Delivery Grant, to assist villages in producing VDSs. In order to carry weight in the planning decision-making process this would need to be adopted by the City Council as a 'Supplementary Planning Document' (SPD).

The procedures for adoption require formal consultation on a draft Village Design Statement and it is proposed that the draft VDS should be published for a formal period of public consultation, as required for all new 'Supplementary Planning Documents', of between 4 and 6 weeks. Cabinet is asked to approve the document for consultation purposes and the consultation will be organised to start as soon as possible after the document can be finalised and printed. The Planning Portfolio Holder is about to receive delegated authority to approve draft SPD for public consultation, but this is not yet in force so Cabinet's approval is required in this case.

At the end of the consultation period the comments made will be analysed and reported to Cabinet with a request that the Statement be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document, subject to the incorporation of any changes agreed.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1 That Cabinet authorises the publication of the draft Kings Worthy Village Design Statement (amended as necessary to make minor editing/typographical corrections) for public consultation.
- 2 That City Council officers and Kings Worthy Parish Council ensure that such consultation accords with the relevant requirements of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, in particular in relation to the production of a consultation statement.
- 3 That an offer of up to £1,000 be authorised as a contribution towards the costs of publication of the consultation draft document, with up to a further £1000 towards the costs of publishing the adopted VDS.
- 4 That Kings Worthy Parish Council and the VDS Group be thanked for producing the Design Statement.

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1.1 The City Council encourages the production of Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Design Statements by local communities so as to improve the quality of development in local areas and public involvement in the planning process. In order to carry weight in determining planning applications, such Statements need to be adopted by the City Council as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD). The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 set out various requirements which must be followed when producing and adopting SPD, including public consultation on draft proposals. Failure to meet these requirements could either prevent the City Council from adopting the Village Design Statement as SPD, or lead to its validity being challenged.

1.2 The Kings Worthy VDS has been produced over a number of years, initially by a VDS Group of local residents and more recently led by the Parish Council. The recent work on the VDS has been with the help of consultants (Atkins), appointed by the City Council to assist villages in producing VDSs, and funded from Planning Delivery Grant. This is the first Village Design Statement to be presented to the Council for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document: previous VDSs and NDSs have been adopted under the previous planning policy system as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

2 Progress on Village Design Statements in the District

2.1 The table below summarises the situation regarding Village and Neighbourhood Design Statements in the District. Currently, 16 have been adopted as SPG and another 9 are being prepared, including Kings Worthy. A further 4 villages/neighbourhoods are/have investigated the possibility.

<u>Village/Parish/Neighbourhood</u>	<u>Stage Reached With VDS/NDS</u>
Boarhunt	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
Bramdean	<b>Adopted 2000</b>
Compton & Shawford	Investigating possibility of doing a VDS.
Corhampton & Meonstoke	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
Crawley	<b>Adopted 2001</b>
Curdridge	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
Denmead	VDS commenced 2004
Droxford	VDS drafted, officer comments March 2004.
Exton	<b>Adopted 2002</b>

Hambledon	VDS commenced Feb. 2002.
Itchen Abbas	<b>Adopted 2001</b>
Kings Worthy	VDS drafted, subject of this report
Littleton	<b>Adopted 2001</b>
Micheldever	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
New Alresford	VDS commenced 2004
Olivers Battery	VDS commenced 2004
Otterbourne	VDS commenced June 2002
Shedfield	Investigating possibility of doing a VDS.
Soberton	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
South Wonston	Investigating possibility of doing a VDS.
Sparsholt	<b>Adopted 1999</b>
Swanmore	<b>Adopted 2001</b>
Upham	<b>Adopted 1999</b>
Warnford	Investigating possibility of doing a VDS
West Meon	<b>Adopted 2002</b>
Wickham	<b>Adopted 2001</b>
Winchester – St Giles Hill	<b>Adopted 2004</b>
Winchester – Teg Down/Dean Lane	NDS commenced July 2003
Winchester – St Pauls/Fulflood	NDS commenced May 2004

- 2.2 Offers of up to £1000 towards printing costs have previously been made to all villages/neighbourhoods completing a VDS, on adoption of the VDS/NDS. These were funded from the Planning Grants Reserve.
- 2.3 For 2004/05, a sum was set aside from the Planning Delivery Grant for various design measures, following the series of seminars in 2003 on PPG3 issues, including the appointment of consultants to offer help and advice to villages/neighbourhoods producing VDSs/NDSs. Atkins were appointed to offer this advice and the funds set aside for this have almost been used. Limited funding was also set aside to assist with printing costs, which under the new planning system, would involve a draft document and a final version (up to £1000 per VDS/NDS for each version). Because no funding has been set aside for VDSs/NDSs beyond 2004/05, funding is only available to contribute towards the printing costs of the 4 VDSs/NDSs programmed within the Council's Local Development Scheme, namely Denmead, Kings Worthy, New Alresford and Olivers Battery.

### 3 Kings Worthy Village Design Statement

- 3.1 Kings Worthy VDS covers the parish of Kings Worthy, including Kings Worthy village and Abbots Worthy. The VDS was initiated in 2000, when a VDS Group was set up consisting of residents from various parts of the community. The project was launched at a public meeting in April 2000, with displays, leaflets and activities to involve local people. Subsequently there was a photography competition and a leaflet delivered to all households in the area.
- 3.2 Comments were incorporated as appropriate into the VDS and several versions of the VDS have been produced. The project was taken over by the Parish Council in 2004 as the VDS Group had found difficulty in taking the

project forward. The Council's consultants Atkins have advised the Parish Council team and helped them to produce the current draft of the VDS. Planning officers have commented on the draft VDS and these comments have been taken into account and changes made where necessary.

- 3.3 The current draft of the VDS is reproduced at Appendix 1 (for Cabinet Members, Chairmen of Principal Scrutiny Committee and Environment Scrutiny Panel, Group leaders and Ward Councillors only, with copies in Members' Library) and the City Council is being asked to adopt it. It takes account of Atkins' and officers' comments and suggestions. The draft VDS promotes a series of 22 Design Guidelines, which are set out in boxes in the appropriate sections of the VDS. The VDS also includes 17 'Additional Goals' which are not proposed to be adopted as part of the Supplementary Planning Document, but which the VDS seeks to highlight and have taken forward by the relevant organisations.
- 3.4 The planning guidance proposed generally accords with the policies of the adopted District Local Plan (1998) and more up to date Government guidance. It also cross-refers to relevant policies in the District Local Plan Review, which will be adopted within the next year. It is, therefore, a VDS that officers recommend is appropriate for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document. Some of the policies proposed relate to matters that do not come within the scope of planning control. However, the VDS recognises this and it is appropriate and normal for such matters to be included as the aim is to influence all changes and development, not just those needing planning permission.

#### 4 Adoption Procedures

- 4.1 Following the enactment of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a revised planning system has been introduced. This does not include Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) but does enable Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) to be produced. The Kings Worthy VDS is the first VDS to be produced under the new system. This requires formal consultation on a draft document, as well as the production of a consultation statement and sustainability appraisal. The draft VDS includes a sustainability appraisal but not a consultation statement. This can be a separate statement published with the draft VDS, but the Parish Council will need to produce this to ensure that the statutory requirements are met.
- 4.2 Therefore, it is being recommended that the VDS be approved for publication for the purposes of public consultation, subject to the various requirements of the planning regulations being met. Officers will work with the Parish Council to help ensure this is done.

#### 5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Kings Worthy VDS requires approval by Cabinet so that it can be published for public consultation. This is a requirement of the adoption process for Supplementary Planning Documents. The VDS is in general accordance with the current District Local Plan (1998), Government advice and the emerging Local Plan Review and is therefore suitable for publication as a draft Supplementary Planning Document. Cabinet is asked to approve publication of the draft VDS for consultation, and it is recommended that the

Parish Council and VDS Group be thanked for their work in producing the VDS and informed that the Council will offer up to £1000 to assist with printing costs at both the draft and final publication stages.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

6 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 6.1 Although there are no key priorities which refer specifically to VDSs in the Council's Corporate Priorities 2005-2008, VDSs are relevant to various priority areas, especially those relating to 'homes and environment' and 'social inclusion'.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 7.1 Provision has been made through the 2004/05 Planning Delivery Grant for funding of consultants to advise on VDSs and for the City Council to contribute to the publication costs of VDSs. As the consultants are already appointed and the VDS is included within the Council's Local Development Scheme, the relevant funding is treated as committed and has been carried over into the current financial year.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Draft Kings Worthy Village Design Statement (attached for Cabinet Members, Chairmen of Principal Scrutiny Committee and Environment Scrutiny Panel, Group leaders and Ward Councillors only, with copies in Members' Library)