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Part A – Items considered in public

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| A8 | Statement of Community Involvement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the recommended changes to the Statement of Community Involvement 2024 as set out in Appendix 1 to report CAB3442 (arising from the public consultation) be accepted; and 2. That the Statement of Community Involvement (dated January 2024) attached at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted. | <p>The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) describes how the public, businesses and interest groups can get involved in the creation of local planning policy, neighbourhood planning and the planning application decision making process. This is essential to help improve understanding and openness of the planning process. It also identifies how people and groups can engage with the planning system in the best way. The SCI complements the Council's broader commitment contained within the Council Plan with regards to promoting positive community engagement with local communities,</p> | <p>Option1 is recommended: adopt a new version of the SCI which has undergone public consultation. It is important that the SCI is kept up-to-date and to ensure that it is less than 5 years old when the Local Plan goes to an independent Examination. This option follows the advice that was given to Officers of the Strategic Planning Team at the Planning Inspectorate Advisory meeting.</p> <p>Option 2 – retain the existing SCI that was adopted in 2018. This is not considered an appropriate option because it would mean that the Council's SCI would be out-of-date at the time when the Local Plan goes to an</p> |
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| | | | <p>businesses, and interest groups. In our public consultations, we are always striving for innovation to ensure we get as many responses as possible. The Strategic Planning team won two RTPI awards for their consultation methods on the Local Plan for going above and beyond to ensure that everyone could have their say.</p> <p>The preparation of a SCI is a legal requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). Once adopted, the Council is legally obliged to comply with its SCI. The Council has to update the SCI every 5 years. The current SCI was adopted in 2018, and therefore in need of updating in order to ensure that it reflects the latest the</p> | <p>independent Examination. The SCI would also not accord with current arrangements for public consultation and community engagement on planning matters and National policy, regulations and/or wider corporate practice or objectives which was the main reason for undertaking a review of the content of the SCI.</p> |

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| | | | <p>government’s latest planning policy guidance and legislation including the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2023).</p> <p>Whilst there is no legal requirement to consult, consultation on the draft SCI took place for a period of 6 weeks between 10th October 2023 and 21st November 2023. The responses to the SCI consultation are attached at Appendix 3 to report CAB3442 which includes responses to the comments.</p> <p>Report CAB3442 seeks authorisation to adopt the Statement of Community Involvement (2024) set out at Appendix 1.</p> | |

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| A9 | Car parking and access - improvement programme update | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That subject to Full Council approval of the Budget and Capital Investment Strategy in February 2024, expenditure of £753,000 for the car park major works programme 2024/25 be approved as outlined in appendix A of report CAB3440. 2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme – Place, in consultation with the Corporate Head of Asset Management and Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency, to make minor adjustments to the programme in order to meet | <p>The proposed Parking and Access Improvement Programme for 2024/25 and an indicative programme for 2025/26 directly support the Council priority of supporting a vibrant local economy and the enhanced focus on pride in place. The aim of the programme is to enhance the customer experience, improving accessibility, safety and signage while, improving air quality and reducing carbon.</p> <p>The programme consists of both capital and revenue expenditure and is part of the Council’s Asset Management Plan and delivery of the Parking and Access Strategy across the whole district. The programme supports the City of Winchester Movement Strategy which recognises the importance of parking</p> | <p>If we do not invest in decarbonisation and air quality initiatives, we will fail to deliver core council priorities in both these areas</p> <p>Not investing in Council car parks and their infrastructure may lead to financial loss if car parks are not able to be used or are unattractive to drivers. Losses may also result if accidents occur which generate successful claims against the Council. There is also a risk of reputational damage to the Council, and an adverse impact on the city and market towns’ economies, through lack of good quality parking provision which help to underpin these locations in terms of meeting business and visitor needs.</p> |

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| | | <p>maintenance and operational needs of the car park service throughout the year, as required, procure works as set out in the report and devise a suitable evaluation model and conclude the required processes.</p> <p>3. That authority be delegated to the Head of Programme – Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency to agree an evaluation model, seek tenders and complete the process for a contract to run and provide car park payment and related</p> | <p>provision as a means to help manage traffic movements through the city and, as part of this objective, the need for additional park and ride provision has been identified. Parking management is also a tool to support wider traffic management which enables us to address the Climate Emergency and improve air quality.</p> <p>Report CAB3440 also covers progress made in the 2023/24 programme for maintaining and improving parking assets and sets out additional proposals for maintenance and enhancement of car and cycle parking for 2024/25 and beyond including proposals for digital transformation and customer service improvements in relation to parking services.</p> | |

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| | | back-office systems. | <p>An update is provided within this report on works to be delivered or that are no longer required as the business needs have changed. Aspects such as post Covid recovery and the County Council taking back the on-street parking enforcement and traffic management agency agreements have required a significant amount of planning and staff resource. In addition, inflation has impacted on the cost of improvement works and contracts. Despite this good progress has been made in the delivery of improvements through 23/24 and progression of works for 24/25.</p> | |