



**Policy, Finance and
Development**

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Matter for Decision

Title: Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is a statutory Local Development Document that identifies the process of community involvement and engagement that the Council will follow in preparing its Local Plan, other important planning documents and in processing planning applications.
- 1.2 The Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement underwent a six week public consultation between Wednesday 2 July 2014 and Wednesday 13 August 2014.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members note the content of this report and approve the Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement for adoption as attached at Appendix 1.

3. Information

- 3.1 A Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory Local Development Document that identifies the process of community involvement and engagement the Council will follow for each type of Local Plan Document and Development Management decision, enabling the community to know how and when they will be engaged in the planning process.
- 3.2 The current Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement was adopted in 2006. Since this date, there have been a number of national policy changes which have impacted upon community engagement in the planning process including provisions in the Localism Act 2011, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 in the case of Local Plan Documents and the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) Order 2010 (DMPO) in the case of planning applications.
- 3.3 Appendix 2 sets out the main comments that the Council has received from external organisations during the public consultation and the Council's response. In addition, the SCI has been amended to reflect several minor changes in order to improve the accuracy of the document.
- 3.4 Appendix 3 contains the Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement.

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Implications	
Legal (KG)	The Oadby and Wigston Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory document.
Financial (PL)	A budget is available to enable the various public consultation methods set out in the report to be undertaken.
Equalities (KG)	An updated Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken following the public consultation closure.
Risk (AT)	No risks identified.