

## COUNCIL – 18TH JANUARY 2021

### Report of the Cabinet

#### ITEM 6.2 CHARNWOOD STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

##### Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement.

##### Recommendation

That the Statement of Community Involvement in Appendix A of Part B to the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (attached as an Annex) be adopted.

##### Reason

To meet statutory timescales to update the Statement of Community Involvement every five years and ensure that the Council has modern and engaging approaches to plan-making consultations that are sufficiently flexible to enable plan-making to progress in the context of COVID-19 restrictions. Also, to set out the Council's approach to supporting neighbourhood planning and consult on planning applications.

##### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Policy justification detailed in the attached Annex.

At its meeting on 19th November 2020, Cabinet considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration proposing an updated Statement of Community Involvement. That report is attached as an Annex. The following minute extract sets out Cabinet's consideration of the matter:

##### *"55. CHARNWOOD STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT*

*Considered, a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration proposing an updated Statement of Community Involvement. The Statement set out how the Council would consult on planning policy documents (including the Local Plan), engage with and support neighbourhood planning, and consult on planning applications (item 9 on the agenda filed with these minutes).*

*The Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Senior Planning Officer (Policy) assisted with consideration of the report.*

*Officers were thanked for their work in progressing this matter.*

*Reference was made to agenda page 176, protected characteristics, item 7 should read "Religion or belief". This would be corrected.*

**RESOLVED**

1. *that the Statement of Community Involvement in Appendix A of Part B to the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration be adopted\*;*
2. *that the fee proposal (detailed at paragraph 2.2 of Appendix A of Part B to the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration) to charge an administration fee for requests to provide physical copies of consultation documents at a rate of £5 per document plus the printing cost be approved.*

*\*This is a policy that falls within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and will now be submitted to Full Council on 18th January 2021 for final approval.*

### Reasons

1. *To meet statutory timescales to update the Statement of Community Involvement every five years and ensure that the Council has modern and engaging approaches to plan-making consultations that are sufficiently flexible to enable plan-making to progress in the context of COVID-19 restrictions. Also, to set out the Council's approach to supporting neighbourhood planning and consult on planning applications.*
2. *To establish a new discretionary service charge as set out at paragraph 5.3 of the Council's Income and Charging Policy."*

### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

As detailed in the attached Annex.

### Report Implications

As detailed in the attached Annex.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: No additional background papers.

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