

TITLE:	Derwentside Local Development Framework: Adoption of Statement of Community Involvement
TO/ON:	Executive – 8th January 2007
BY:	Director of Environmental Services
PORTFOLIO:	Environment
STATUS:	Report

STRATEGIC FACTOR CHECKLIST

The Council's Corporate Management Team has confirmed that the Strategic Factor Checklist has been applied to the development of this report, and there are no key issues, over and above those set out in the body of the report, that need to be brought to Members' attention.

1 SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to adopt the Derwentside Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), which forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF). A full copy of the Adoption SCI is attached to this report.
- 1.2 Members may recall the Submission draft SCI being reported to Executive in June when the document was approved for public consultation. During the subsequent six-week consultation period (ending on the 18th August) 23 representations were received raising a number of issues.

2 THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2.1 The SCI gives details of how the community and stakeholders will be involved in developing the LDF and sets out how the community and other stakeholders can get involved in decisions on planning applications. The SCI also encourages developers to undertake consultation with communities at the design and planning stages of significant planning applications before they are submitted to the Council.

3 EXAMINATION IN PUBLIC

- 3.1 Following the end of the consultation period the representations and the Council's responses to them were sent to the Planning Inspectorate. A Government Inspector then considered the representations at an Examination in Public. All representations were considered by means of written representations.
- 3.2 The Government Inspector has recently sent the resulting binding report recommending a number of changes to be made. These are generally in line

with the Council's responses and raise no contentious issues. The Inspector's report is included at Appendix 1.

- 3.3 In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, the Council must now adopt the Statement of Community Involvement.
- 3.4 Following Adoption the Inspector's Report and the adopted SCI must be made available to view at all of the locations where the Submission Draft was placed for consultation and on the Council's website.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Executive is recommended to:
 - i) Adopt the Derwentside Statement of Community Involvement.

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