

Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Management Board

22 September 2023

Community Engagement Review



Report of Corporate Management Team

Alan Patrickson, Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change

Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to provide members of Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB) with an update of the council's review of its' main community engagement function – the council's Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) following Cabinet approval on 12 July 2023 to implement a revised model.

Background

- 2 Members of COSMB were presented with an update on the findings from the independent consultant on the review of the council's community engagement function and the approach and delivery of a public countywide consultation at its' meeting on 3 April 2023.
- 3 Members of COSMB provided comments on the findings and recommended proposals made by the independent consultant and these comments were collated into a formal response that fed into the consultation. This included the recommendation that Cabinet agree the final decision in respect of the community engagement review be referred to full council for determination. However, the implementation of the community engagement arrangements are an executive matter and therefore it falls to Cabinet rather than Council to determine what the arrangements are.

- 4 Members asked at the meeting on 3 April that the Community Engagement Review be included in their work programme for 2023/24 so members can be updated on the review outcomes and next steps.
- 5 Arrangements have been made for a member of the AAP team to attend the meeting on 22 September 2023 and present the most recent Cabinet report which focusses on the outcomes of the county wide consultation and the recommended community engagement model and next steps, which were agreed by Cabinet on 12 July 2023 (see attached report and appendices).

Recommendations

- 6 Members of COSMB are asked to:
 - (a) receive the report and presentation and comment accordingly;
 - (b) agree to a further progress report at a future meeting.

Background papers

- [Cabinet Report, Review of Community Engagement and Funding Processes – 16 March 2022](#)
- [Cabinet Report, Community Engagement Review - 12 July 2023](#)

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Finance

Not applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Not applicable

Human Rights

Not applicable

Climate Change

Not applicable

Crime and Disorder

Not applicable

Staffing

Not applicable

Accommodation

Not applicable

Risk

Not applicable

Procurement

Not applicable