

**Single Member Cabinet Decision****Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E2968****Public consultation on draft character appraisals, proposed boundary changes and management proposals for the Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford, and Queen Charlton Conservation Areas.**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Tim Warren Leader of the Council Cllr Liz Richardson, Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning
<b>The Issue</b>	Public consultation is required on three draft conservation area character appraisals including proposed boundary changes and management proposals, prepared for the Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford, and Queen Charlton Conservation Areas.
<b>Decision Date</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Members agree that a six week public consultation takes place from late May to mid-July 2017 on the draft Midsomer Norton and Welton, Saltford, and Queen Charlton Conservation Area Character Appraisals, including proposed boundary changes and management proposals
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The appraisal process, including consultation is taking place pursuant to the local planning authority's continuing duty under the relevant planning legislation to review its conservation areas. It will enable better informed development management decisions to be taken regarding the conservation and enhancement of local character, and also inform current and future council strategies.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The draft appraisals and consultation are being funded within the existing Local Development Framework budget.
<b>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</b>	Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Corporate and Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Ward Councillors; Saltford and Compton Dando Parish Councils; Midsomer Norton Town Council; Other B&NES Services; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer and the Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Internal meetings and consultation on the drafting of the documents with the relevant officers has taken place, including the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, together with the relevant Ward Councillors. External consultation on the drafting of the documents has taken place with the Saltford and Queen Charlton Parish Councils, the Midsomer Norton Town Council and Historic England.

<b>Other options considered</b>	None
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</b>	<i>The nature of interest and whether interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest, including any conflict of interest, (as defined in Part 2, A and B of the Code of Conduct and Rules for Registration of Interests). Any Member who needs to clarify any matters relating to the declaration of interests is recommended to seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer or a member of their staff before taking the decision.</i>
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	None

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	