Bath & North East Somerset Council

Decision Register Entry

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive Forward Plan Reference

E2952

Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Development Plan

| Decision maker/s | Cllr Liz Richardson, Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning |
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| The Issue | Following the successful examination and referendum, this report seeks to make and bring into force the Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Plan (Appendix 1), so that it will be used by the Local Planning Authority to help determine planning applications within the Neighbourhood Area. |
| Decision Date | 20 June 2017 |
| The decision | The Cabinet Member agrees to make and bring into force the Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Development Plan, as set out in Appendix 1, as part of the Development Plan for the Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Area, in accordance with Section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) |
| Rationale for decision | The Localism Act 2011 has reformed the planning system to give local people new rights to shape the development of the communities in which they live. |
| | The Act provides for a new type of community-led initiative known as a Neighbourhood Development Plan which sets out the policies on the development and use of land in a parish or 'Neighbourhood Area'. |
| | The Council has a duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and orders and to take a Plan through a process of examination and referendum and to bring the Neighbourhood Plan into force. |
| | In line with the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol (version dated 9th September 2015) the decision to make the Plan is for the Council's Cabinet, in this instance delegated to the Cabinet Member for Homes & Planning. |
| Financial and budget implications | The main costs of producing the Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Plan related to in-kind technical support provided, plus the costs of the external examination, referendum and associated printing costs. These costs will be funded through a £20,000 Government Neighbourhood Planning Grant, which will be received by the Council by the end of the calendar year (Neighbourhood Planning Grants are paid quarterly and the next payment is expected in July 2017). |
| | All other minor costs associated with supporting the preparation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan have been covered within the existing LDF budget. |
| | Significant community resources have been invested into the Publow with Pensford Neighbourhood Plan preparation, including substantial volunteer |

| | time. |
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| | Once the Neighbourhood Plan is made, Publow with Pensford Parish Council will receive 25% of CIL payments for development within their Neighbourhood Area, in line with the CIL Regulations (rather than the typical 15%). |
| Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report) | Sustainability; Human Rights; Other Legal Considerations |
| Consultation undertaken | Cabinet colleagues; Parish Council; Section 151 Finance Officer;; Monitoring Officer |
| How consultation was carried out | Circulation of draft report for comments and sign-off. |
| Other options considered | None |
| Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted: | None |
| Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision: | None |
| Signatures of Decision Makers | |
| Date of Signature | |
| Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision | |