

**TITLE:** Rossendale Borough Council Local Development Framework - Statement of Community Involvement

**TO/ON:** The Cabinet 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006  
The Council 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006

**BY:** Deputy Chief Executive

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:** Cabinet Member for Regeneration

**STATUS:** For Publication

1.1 This report presents the 2nd Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to be issued for a second round of Full public consultation in accordance with the regulatory requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Cabinet recommends that Full Council endorses the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in order for it to be published for consultation.

## 3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 The SCI forms part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and sets out Rossendale Borough Council's policy for involving the stakeholders in the development of the LDF. The SCI sets the Council's policy for involving the local community and statutory consultees in the preparation and revision of the LDF and consultation on planning applications.

3.2 The SCI has been revised following Full public consultation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Draft SCI during August – October 2005. Details on the consultation exercise, the representations received and how they have contributed to the revised 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft can be viewed in the Statement of Consultation attached with the SCI and this report.

3.3 Following the initial consultation the SCI has been revised and now requires a further period of consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks. This is due to a section on Pre application consultation being prepared in section 3 of the document. This section has been prepared following a review of the Council's

Development Control service. The approach developed is based on the outcomes of this review and includes:

- The Council's Practice for Publicising Planning Applications
- The approach to Pre-application Discussions
- Development Control's approach to Community Consultation
- Details on Consultation Statements

3.4 Once comments are received on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft SCI, Rossendale Borough Council will revise the document subject to representations being made. The document is then submitted to the Government and will be issued for further period of consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks and go through an independent examination that will be led by a Government-appointed Inspector.

### **Structure of Document**

Section 1: Background

Section 2: Developing a Statement of Community Involvement

Section 3: Pre Application Consultation

Appendix 1: Monitoring and Managing the Process

Appendix 2: Stages & Methods of Consultation

Appendix 3: Schedule of Consultees

Appendix 4: Glossary of Terms

Appendix 4: The Council Constitution

Appendix 6: Council Contacts Details

## **4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES**

### **4.1. FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

N/A

### **4.2. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

4.2.1 The Planning Inspectorate(PINs) are responsible for the Independent Examination process following the submission of planning document that will form the LDF. PINs have recently published a Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Statements of Community Involvement.

This document sets out the key questions to which SCI's will be assessed. A copy of this document can be provided by contacting the forward planning team. Reference to this approach is also included in section 2.

- 4.2.2 Information on the LDF can be viewed at [www.rossendale.gov.uk/fowardplanning](http://www.rossendale.gov.uk/fowardplanning) including the ODPM's guide to the planning system, introduction documents to the LDF and general planning policy information.

## **5. ANY OTHER RELEVANT CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 5.1. The Forward Planning team has prepared and submitted an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2005 and will receive Planning Delivery Grant for meeting the Performance Indicator BV200c: Plan-making: Monitoring Report published?
- 5.2 The AMR provides comprehensive information regarding the implementation of the first year of the first LDS and performance monitoring information on the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF).
- 5.3 The AMR is a requirement of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and represents the starting point from which the Council will develop a performance and monitoring framework. This framework will ensure that planning policy and the potential impact on the social, economic and environmental well being of Rossendale will be continually assessed.

## **6. RISK**

- 6.1 If the SCI is not published for consultation during the period set out in the revised Local Development Scheme and therefore will not conform to BV200b Plan Making: Milestones Met?

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

N/A

## **8. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT**

N/A

## **9. WARDS AFFECTED**

The SCI provides information on Council's policy for consultation on planning matters for the entire borough of Rossendale.

## **10. CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 The SCI's preparation is subject to regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004. This requires a local authority to provide Full public consultation in accordance Annex E of PPS12.

**11. Background documents:**

- A) Town Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- B) Town Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Regulations
- C) Planning Policy Statement 12
- D) Planning Policy Statement 12 Companion Guide
- E) The Planning Inspectorate: Development Plans Examination - A Guide to the Process of Assessing the Soundness of Statements of Community Involvement, December 2005
- F) Rossendale Borough Council Local Development Scheme

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