

Report to: Cabinet Meeting: 18 February 2025

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<b>Report Summary</b>	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open Report / Non-Key Decision
<b>Report Title</b>	Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To update Cabinet on the progress of the development of the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan.</li> <li>To approve the District Council consultation response to the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	That Cabinet approve the District Council consultation response to the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan as set out in Appendix A of this report.
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	It is necessary for the District Council to run the Regulation 16 Consultation on the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan because Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council have submitted a Neighbourhood Plan proposal under Regulation 15 (1) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. Officers' comments are in some cases necessary to correct inaccurate or misleading material in the Neighbourhood Plan and in other cases intended to make the document easier to understand and use in reaching decisions on development proposals in the Parish.
<b>Reason for Recommendation</b>	To allow District Council to submit a consultation response on the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan.

## **1.0 Background**

1.1 Since 2020, a steering group made up of local residents has led the production of the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan identifies key issues relating to development for the community, sets out a vision and objectives for development in Winthorpe with Langford Parish and contains a range of policies to be used in the assessment of development proposals. If 'made', it will become part of the Development Plan for land use and development proposals within the Parish for the plan period.

- 1.2 The Neighbourhood Plan was subject to several rounds of consultation with residents of Winthorpe with Langford, most recently a consultation under Regulation 14 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (the Regulations). Following this, Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council have submitted a Submission Draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan to the District Council under Regulation 15 of the Regulations. This submission has met the requirements under Regulation 15, and so the District Council has now published the Neighbourhood Plan for comments under Regulation 16 of the Regulations.
- 1.3 Following the Regulation 16 Consultation, the Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to an independent examiner. If the examiner is minded to recommend that the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to the next stage, the District Council will organise a referendum in Neighbourhood Plan Area. If the majority of those who vote in a referendum are in favour of the draft Neighbourhood Plan, then the Neighbourhood Plan must be made by the District Council within 8 weeks of the referendum.

## **2.0 Proposal/Details of Options Considered**

- 2.1 Officers have prepared a consultation response on the Submission Draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan, and these are attached as **Appendix A**. The Submission Draft version of the Neighbourhood Plan itself can be seen on the District Council's website:

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- 2.2 The issues addressed in the Officers' comments include the need to clearly define the plan period, BNG requirements going beyond District and national policy, unclear mapping, District Council documents being referred to incorrectly and recommended factual updates.
- 2.3 Planning Policy Board considered and endorsed the proposed consultation response at their 28 January 2025 meeting.

## **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### Financial Implications - FIN24-25/156

- 3.1 The District Council is responsible for the costs associated with the ensuing stages of examination and referendum of the Winthorpe with Langford Neighbourhood Plan. Funding from Central Government is available to cover these costs.

### Legal Implications (LEG2425/7497)

- 3.2 Cabinet is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

**Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Winthorpe with Langford Submission Neighbourhood Plan.