

**Executive**  
**Wednesday 18 January 2023**  
**10.00 am Luttrell Room, County Hall,**  
**Taunton, TA14DY**



**SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA**

To: The Members of the Executive

We are now able to enclose the following information which was unavailable when the agenda was published:

Item 9	Statement of Community Involvement (Pages 3 - 8) To consider this report.
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## Statement of Community Involvement Executive – 18 January 2023

# What is a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)?

- Local Authorities required to consult when preparing planning policy documents and determining applications
- Legal requirement for a Local Planning Authority to produce a SCI
- SCI should set out how the Local Planning Authority will engage and consult with the community and stakeholders on planning matters
- Covers both engagement on planning policy (e.g. Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans) and determination of planning applications



# The need for a new SCI for Somerset

- Each of the existing 5 Local Planning Authorities (County and Districts) have their own separate SCI's
- There is therefore a need to prepare a new single SCI for Somerset
- Need consistent approach to how we engage with our communities on planning matters after vesting day

LGR Workstream	Growth 2
Product	21 Statement of Community Involvement
Output	Statement of Community Involvement – Draft for public consultation
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# Consultation proposed for Draft SCI

Current proposals for consultation on draft SCI:

- 6 week public consultation (1<sup>st</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> March)
- Use County's digital engagement platform (INOVEM Consult) to invite comments, alongside publicising on the 5 Council websites
- **Undertake virtual/online engagement aimed at key groups (e.g. agents, Parish/Town Councils, Civic Societies, general public)**
- **SCI consultation to be integrated into various the events/briefings currently being planned to publicise the new planning service in the build up to vesting day**
- **Draft SCI to go to planning/regulation committees for feedback**



# Questions?

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