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New Somerset Council

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 (1st February to 16th 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?