



## Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**Subject:** Call-In of decision by the Leader of the Council on Statement of Community Involvement

**Author of Report:** Matthew Borland, Policy & Improvement Officer  
0114 27 35065

**Type of item:**

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	<b>x</b>
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

### 1. Background

- 1.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report Approval for the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI outlines how we consult on planning applications and planning policy. The report is attached at appendix A.
- 1.2 The Leader of the Council adopted the new Statement of Community Involvement
- 1.3 As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision has been called in, preventing implementation of the decision until it has been considered by the relevant Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 The Call-In notice is attached at appendix B, stating that the reason for the call-in is to ask Cabinet to reconsider the decision.

## **2 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- 2.1 As per the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, scrutinise the decision made by the Leader of the Council and take one of the following courses of action:
- (a) refer the decision back to the decision making body or individual for reconsideration in the light of recommendations from the Committee;
  - (b) request that the decision be deferred until the Scrutiny Committee has considered relevant issues and made recommendations to the Executive;
  - (c) take no action in relation to the called-in decision but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be added to the work programme of an existing Scrutiny Committee;
  - (d) if, but only if (having taken the advice of the Monitoring Officer and/or the Chief Finance Officer), the Committee determines that the decision is wholly or partly outside the Budget and Policy Framework, refer the matter, with any recommendations, to the Council after following the procedures in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules
- 2.2 The Statement of Community Involvement report was on the Cabinet Forward Plan for August and it was intended that the report would have gone to Cabinet if Cabinet had met in August. However, in order to process the decision the Leader signed off the decision.
- 2.3 On the basis that the report was going to go to Cabinet and was on the Cabinet Forward Plan if the Committee opts to refer the decision back to the decision maker the decision would be referred back to Cabinet, rather than the Leader of the Council. This would also ensure any referral back of the decision would take place in a public meeting.

### **Background Papers:**

Statement of Community Involvement Report of Simon Green Executive Director, Place, to the Leader of the Council on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 (attached)

Call-in Notice (attached)

**Category of Report:** OPEN