



COUNCIL

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Subject: Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Adoption

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To fully 'make' (adopt) the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S): To make the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: This work is a duty under the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.

Financial : Additional financial contributions are available from DCLG to support Neighbourhood Planning

Staffing: Internal resources in place to deal with Neighbourhood Planning

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: The Plan has been examined under the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations for any issues relating to equality and diversity.

Risk Assessment : n/a

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : n/a

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-being-prepared-in-west-lindsey/scothern-neighbourhood-plan/>

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

X

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

Neighbourhood Planning

1. Summary

Assuming a positive referendum result on the 19th January 2017, West Lindsey District Council is publicising its decision to 'make' the Scothern Neighbourhood Development Plan part of the West Lindsey Development Plan in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

2. Background

Scothern Parish Council, as the qualifying body successfully applied for the town to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area, under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force in April 2015. Following the submission of the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan to the Council, the plan was publicised and comments were invited from the public and stakeholders. The consultation period closed in September 2016.

3. Decision & Reasoning

West Lindsey District Council appointed an independent Examiner; Mr Andrew Ashcroft, to review whether the plan met the basic conditions required by legislation and whether the plan should proceed to referendum.

The Examiner's Report concluded that the plan meets the Basic Conditions, and that subject to the modifications proposed in the report and which are set out in the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement December 2016, the plan should proceed to a Referendum. It was agreed at the Council meeting of West Lindsey District Council on the 6th December 2016 that the plan should proceed to referendum and, in the outcome of a successful referendum result, it should be 'made' (adopted).

A referendum will be held on 19th January 2017 and assuming a positive outcome, the Plan will be used to help determine planning applications within Scothern Neighbourhood Plan Area. Paragraph 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended requires that the Council must make the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan.

West Lindsey District Council is not subject to this duty if the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

The referendum will meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011; it was held in the Parish of Scothern and posed the question:

'Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Scothern to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The outcome of the referendum

Question:		
Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Scothern to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?		
	Votes recorded	Percentage
Number of votes cast in favour of 'yes'	To be updated at the meeting	To be updated at the meeting
Number of votes cast in favour of 'no'	To be updated at the meeting	To be updated at the meeting

West Lindsey District Council has assessed that the plan including its preparation does not breach, and would not otherwise be incompatible, with, any EU obligation or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).

In accordance with the Regulations and the Council's procedure the Scothern Neighbourhood Development Plan is 'made' and planning applications in the area must be considered against the Scothern Neighbourhood Development Plan, as well as existing planning policy, such as the West Lindsey Local Plan (2006) and its successors and the National Planning Policy Framework and Guidance

4. Recommendation:

That elected members formally agree to 'make' (adopt) the Scothern Neighbourhood Plan in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012.