

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Consultation:	Extensive consultation has been undertaken in preparing the District Plan as set out in the Council's Regulation 22 Consultation Statement. Public consultation on the Main Modifications took place between the 15 February and 29 March 2018.
Legal:	<p>Preparation of a local plan is a statutory duty upon every Local Planning Authority. Local plans are prepared within the framework set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ('the Act'), as amended by the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>Once adopted, the District Plan will become part of the statutory Development Plan. Section 38(6) of the Act requires planning decisions to be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p> <p>The District Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme.</p> <p>Consultation on the District Plan and the Main Modifications was carried out in compliance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.</p> <p>Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment has been carried out.</p> <p>The District Plan complies with all relevant legal requirements, including the 2004 Act (as amended)</p>

	and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
Financial:	The cost of the preparing a District Plan is significant and has been budgeted over the duration of its preparation. The cost of the adoption process, notification, publicity and printing of the adopted Plan is to be met within existing budgets. Additional costs may be incurred if there is a legal challenge following adoption.
Human Resource:	Staff resource is in place to ensure the ongoing timely adoption of the District Plan.
Risk Management:	The efficient and timely progression of the District Plan is of paramount importance and a risk assessment has been carried out to ensure that the preparation of the Plan takes place in accordance with the Council's Local Development Scheme. Without an adopted District Plan the district will be vulnerable to further unplanned development.
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	The link between planning and health has long been established. The built and natural environments are major determinants of health and wellbeing. The District Plan will have positive impacts on health and wellbeing through a range of policy approaches that seek to create sustainable communities
Equality Impact Assessment required:	No. The policies of the plan, including the development strategy and design and housing policies make provision for the disabled and for other protected groups. The preparation of the plan and the examination has had due regard to its impact on equality in accordance with the Public Sector Equality duty.