

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	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:	None
Legal:	The Localism Act 2011 and The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 set out the power and duties considered in this report. It is a statutory requirement to support the preparation of neighbourhood plans and for this Council to adopt them, if supported by a referendum.
Financial:	The formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan, if it progresses to the stages of referenda and adoption will lead to costs for the Council. Local Planning Authorities are able to claim some financial support from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government up-to a total of £20,000 for every Neighbourhood Plan that has a referendum date.
Human Resource:	There will be a requirement for Planning Officers to provide advice and guidance in relation to the formulation of any Neighbourhood Plan.
Risk Management:	None
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.

Equality Impact Assessment required:	No
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