

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 72/17

The purpose of this paper is ask Members to agree a response to the Invitation from the Isle of Wight Council set out in the attached email of 23 August.

NO. DETAILS

I) BACKGROUND

- a) The Island Plan Core Strategy was approved in March 2012, forming the Island's Local Development Framework and running to 263 pages.
- b) The Isle of Wight Council is now reviewing the Strategy starting with an initial survey asking questions on each of the policies within it from a range of stakeholders, including Town and Parish Councils.
- c) The email also explains:

We would like to ask you specifically as a town or parish council, for your thoughts on both settlement boundaries and the level of development locally. In particular we would like to know what your council's views are on core strategy strategic policy SP1 Spatial Strategy with regards to the need or otherwise for a settlement boundary and related to this strategic policy SP2 Housing and development management policy DM4 Locally Affordable Housing with regards to your view on both the need for and level of development within your local area.

d) Although the original deadline for responses was 1 September it has now been extended to 29 September.

2) **RESPONSE**

- a) In view of the length and complexity of the document, it is worth identifying the fact that the only section that refers to Ventnor is in the Spacial Strategy at Section 5 starting on page 28 with sections 5.10-5.12 being particularly relevant.
- b) If the Town Council is to respond it will be necessary for a smaller groups to agree the details of it.
- c) One option is for the Planning Committee to be asked to take on that responsibility at a special meeting for that purpose.
- d) Another is to establish a small Working Group including some of the Planning Committee members.
- e) In either case, given the linkage to the Town Council's own Strategy it would be advisable for both the Clerk and the Economic Development Officer to be involved.

3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to either:

- i) ask its Planning Committee to agree the response to the invitation assisted by the Clerk and Economic Development Officer; or
- ii) establish a small Working Group to agree the response to the invitation assisted by the Clerk and Economic Development Officer

Good morning/afternoon,

The Isle of Wight Council is reviewing the Island Plan Core Strategy, which was adopted in 2012. To help us understand opinion on the current policies we are undertaking an initial survey, and the results will be used to inform how we approach the detailed review.

This initial survey will ask a series of questions on each policy of the Core Strategy. You can answer as many, or as few, questions as you wish.

We are sending this initial survey to a targeted range of stakeholders, and there will be further opportunities for public scrutiny and consultation as the review progresses.

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Please find the survey here https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/island_plan_2017

This survey will close at **12pm on Friday 1st September**. If you have any queries concerning this survey please contact Planning Services.

Many thanks for your attention and best regards,

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