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**REPORT TO:** Policy and Resources Committee

**DATE:** 4th December 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Head of Planning  
Gary Housden

**SUBJECT:** Local Development Framework: Statement of  
Community Involvement - addendum

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 For Members to agree to the inclusion of an addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to ensure the document can be read in the context of amended regulations, the new Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12) – Local Spatial Planning and this Council's latest Local Development Scheme.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. **That Members agree the addendum to the Statement of Community Involvement as outlined in Appendix 1.**

## **3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION**

- 3.1 The Statement of Community Involvement is a statutory document produced as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF). It outlines how communities and stakeholders will be engaged in the different stages of producing Local Development Framework documents. It is important that the document is entirely consistent with PPS12 to avoid any confusion in the production of the Local Development Framework.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Members will be aware that earlier this year, the Government published a revised version of Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning and revisions to the regulations that govern the production of Local Development Frameworks. Changes to the process of producing documents were introduced in an attempt to speed up the production of LDF's. In summary, these were:

- The previously statutory Issues and Options and Preferred Options consultation stages are incorporated within a new first stage now known generally as evidence gathering and consulting.
- The second statutory stage for LDF documents will now be known as the publication stage. At this second stage the document is published in draft form for the first time and comments will be invited from all relevant stakeholders including members of the public.
- A document is then submitted for examination along with comments received from the preceding publication stage. Authorities are no longer required to undertake further consultation/ seek further comments at the submission stage.

## **5.0 REPORT**

- 5.1 The Ryedale Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was adopted by this Council in November 2006 following Examination.
- 5.2 On the whole, the SCI has stood the test of time and has not been rendered unfit for purpose by the revised PPS12. This is largely due to the fact that in terms of the stages of production, it identifies three broad stages where opportunity exists to be involved and participate, without referring to each of the detailed statutory stages. It outlines the following:
1. Pre-production (research and evidence gathering)
  2. Production (identify preferred options and prepare document)
  3. Examination (representations made and document examined)
- 5.3 These three broad stages of production remain relevant. However, it is considered that it would be of benefit to those reading the document if it is clarified that the production of preferred options is no longer a formal stage of consultation and that representations on documents are no longer made at examination stage.
- 5.4 The SCI also makes reference to the documents that will be produced as part of the LDF based on the initial version of the Local Development Scheme. An addendum provides the opportunity to refer readers to the more recent Local Development Scheme.
- 5.5 The SCI is a statutory document which explains community involvement in the LDF process and is, itself subject to a formal process of production including public examination. Any revision to the policy approach or commitments outlined in the SCI would need to be taken forward through the formal process. However, it is considered that the matters covered by the addendum do not represent substantive changes to the document. The addendum only seeks to act as an informative to anyone using the

document about the implications of PPS12 and Local Development Scheme revisions.

## **6.0 OPTIONS**

6.1 The Council could decide not to prepare the addendum. However, given that it can be included in the SCI quickly, without expense and will assist those using the document, it is considered appropriate that it is prepared. This would also help to ensure that the production of future LDF documents is not undermined by the SCI. The production of local development documents in accordance with the SCI is a legal requirement of the system.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no financial implications. The addendum will be published on the Council website alongside the adopted SCI.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 It is considered that there are no legal implications. The proposed addendum does not substantively alter the SCI but acts as an informative to users to clarify the updated context.

## **9.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no environmental implications.

## **10.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

10.1 The recommendation is considered to represent minimal risk to the authority.

## **11.0 CONCLUSION**

11.1 The recommendation is appropriate on the basis of the issues outlined in the report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2008

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial (2008)

Ryedale Adopted Statement of Community Involvement (November 2006)

**CORPORATE POLICY APPRAISAL FORM** *(One for each Option)*

**Annex A**

<b>Policy Context</b>	<b>Impact Assessment</b>	<b>Impact +ve -ve Neutral</b>
Community Plan Themes <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>		Neutral
Corporate Objectives/Priorities <i>(Identify any/all that apply)</i>	Customer Service	+ ve
Service Priorities		Neutral
Financial		Neutral
Legal Implications		Neutral
Procurement Policies		Neutral
Asset Management Policies		Neutral
LA21 & Environment Charter		Neutral
Community Safety		Neutral
Equalities		Neutral
E-Government		Neutral
Risk Assessment		Neutral
Estimated Timescale for achievement	With Immediate effect	

### Addendum

This addendum was adopted by Ryedale District Council on xxx 2009.

It is designed to act as an informative for anyone reading and using the adopted Ryedale Statement of Community Involvement (2006)

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The District Council has revised its Local Development Scheme and has amended the names of documents to be produced as part of the Local Development Framework and rationalised the number of documents to be produced. This should also be taken into account when reading the table on Pages 13 and 14.

The latest version of the LDS can be found at [ldf.ryedale.gov.uk](http://ldf.ryedale.gov.uk)

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In 2008 the Government introduced changes to the formal processes of producing local development documents. Revised regulations no longer provide for a formal Preferred Options Consultation stage as part of the process of producing documents and require that representations considered at the examination are sought/made in relation to the publication of a draft document before the document is submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

**Further information can be found in:**

Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2008

Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (2008)