

Endorsement of North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present a summary of the findings and actions from the North Cadbury 7 Yarlington Community Plan and to ask members to formally endorse the plan.

Representatives of the steering group will be at the meeting to present the plan for endorsement.

Public Interest

Communities establish their own priorities and achieve their goals by mobilising residents and businesses. The priorities and issues for North Cadbury & Yarlington, identified through consultation, are set out along with specific solutions, actions and policies in a published document.

Recommendation

That Area East Committee formally endorses the North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan 2017.

Background

Parish & Town Plans are effectively commissioned by the town/parish council and produced by local steering group with parish/town council representation. They are local documents, drawn up and adopted by Town/Parish councils. The endorsement of community plans by Area Committees has no legal status, but ensures that the community planning process is used to influence policy and action plans via the Area Development Plan (ADP).

Endorsement by Area East Committee (AEC) confers recognition that a sound process has been followed to deliver the plan. It does not imply support for any land use allocation that would pre-empt a planning application or the views expressed about the planning process. The North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan document is available via the Parish website: www.northcadbury.org.uk See under Parish Council - Parish Council documents.

The Process

The North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan has been produced by representatives of the villages that make up North Cadbury Parish.

The group produced a survey which was distributed to all households in the Parish. The survey achieved a 47.9% return rate. Three open community meetings were held to identify key issues and suggested improvements.

The North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan report is a good summary of the main issues result is a comprehensive community plan document which sets out guidelines and actions, underpinned by an evidence base, which should be useful for guiding local decision making on a range of issues

including a strong basis on which to reach a view on the value to the community of future planning applications.

Guidelines/Actions and Key Issues

The Community Plan report sets out the findings of the consultation process under the following themes.

The Planning Process

The group identified a general lack of knowledge about how planning applications are processed and the role of the Parish Council. The report directly addresses some of areas of misunderstanding.

The Parish Council will consider further work such as the possibility of establishing a Conservation Area within the parish and producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Transport and Roads

The Parish Council will promote and encourage the use of the SCC online reporting system.

Internet Speed and Coverage

This was identified as a main issue but with no clear solution at the present time.

Communication of Parish Council Business

Improvements to communication was identified as an issue with further work to do to identify solutions.

Provision for Young People & Other Matters

The plan identifies the need to all weather play/sport provision and expresses in principle support for a local initiative.

Further work is also required to address issues of dog fouling and paths and stiles maintenance.

The consultation process for the Plan has been complicated by the need to engage with residents and address the different needs of the villages of Galhampton, Woolston that make up the Parish of North Cadbury & Yarlinton.

The full plan can be accessed via the following link www.northcadbury.org.uk.

Implementation of the Community Plan

Many of the issues identified require further work by the Parish Council to reach conclusions and develop agreed actions. The report will provide a good basis to inform this further work.

The Area Neighbourhood Development Officer has provided advice and guidance at various stages of the process. The group has demonstrated that they have followed a sound process and that the conclusions are underpinned by local evidence.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report however, if members agree the recommendation to endorse the plan, actions and projects identified will become eligible for support from the Community Planning Implementation budget, subject to application.

Corporate Priority Implications

This work contributes towards increasing economic vitality and prosperity and ensuring safe, sustainable and cohesive communities.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications

Improved local provision of facilities and activities within each village or town and increasing local participation reduce the need to travel.

Equality and Diversity Implications

The community planning process supported by SSDC aims to give every local resident the opportunity to have an input into the way in which their town or Parish develops.

Background Papers: *North Cadbury & Yarlington Community Plan 2017*