

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET MEMBER

COMMUNITY LED PLANS

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1. To inform the Cabinet Member on the progress of Community Led Plans funded through the Stronger Communities Team or through other sources;
- 1.2. To recommend how priorities identified within the plans can, where appropriate, be actioned; and
- 1.3. To recommend how any future Community Led Plans could influence and future Neighbourhood Plans.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1. Community Led Plans (CLPs) are an established way for local residents to bring issues of concern to the attention of organisations such as the Council.
- 2.2. Within North Lincolnshire these plans have often been carried out, mainly by Town and Parish Councils, with the support of Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council (HWRCC) and North Lincolnshire Strategic Partnership (NLSP) through the council. The NLSP also funded CLPs in Crosby and Westcliff; the plans were commissioned by local groups.
- 2.3. HWRCC no longer have the capacity to carry out any support and the funding provided by NLSP, usually an arbitrary amount of £2500 often used to employ consultants or other organisations to carry out the work, is no longer available.
- 2.4. The post of Community Planning Coordinator within the council, who supported the development of the plans, is vacant and, due to the review of the Stronger Communities Team, will not be filled. The work has been taken over by the Community Engagement Coordinator who does not have the capacity to support the development of any new plans in the way support has been provided in the past.
- 2.5. The style and quality of previous plans varied. To try and standardise the approach to CLPs the council developed a template for groups to use which would be accompanied by examples of best practice. Groups who used the template still relied on external assistance rather than completing the plans themselves.
- 2.6. One issue often raised when promoting the plans was who actions the priorities that arise. Previously any completed plan would go to the NLSP for their information and then be disseminated to each service within the council and other partners. There was no process for checking whether actions were carried out.

- 2.7. To encourage new groups to carry out a plan groups have suggested that a standardised way of reviewing and assessing current and future plans be developed to ensure that priorities, where appropriate, are actioned.
- 2.8. Within the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 communities can formulate a Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is a far more complex document than a CLP as it deals with harder economic and planning issues.
- 2.9. However, if a suitable template could be developed which would allow community groups to complete plans without external support, CLPs could inform any Neighbourhood Plan of community priorities.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 - That a North Lincolnshire Council local elected member should lead a group to ensure that any priorities identified within a CLP are brought to the attention of a Senior Officer within the relevant organisation and actioned.
- 3.2 Option 2 - That Officers from within the Stronger Communities team should be responsible for assessing plans and ensuring that any priorities are brought to the attention of a Senior Officer within the relevant organisation and actioned.
- 3.3 Option 3 - That the groups who carry out the plans should be responsible for ensuring that any priorities are actioned.

4 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 - North Lincolnshire Council local elected members have the links with the community to promote the plans and ensure that work is carried out to ensure that any priorities raised are representative of local issues. They would also be able to use their influence to ensure that any realistic priorities identified were, where appropriate, actioned.

North Lincolnshire Council elected members also lead on Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) and consideration should be given to where the NATs would fit in with any system developed.

Consideration should also be given to whether, when the local elected member is not from the controlling groups, a Cabinet Member should be assigned to lead the group as they will have more influence and knowledge of the council's future plans.

- 4.2 Option 2 - Officers do not have the depth of knowledge or local links that local elected members have. In addition it has proven difficult in the past to persuade Senior Officers within mainstream organisation to prioritise any issues raised within the community plan unless it has matched planned work in a particular area.
- 4.3 Option 3 - To gain any influence within mainstream organisations local groups are likely to have to include North Lincolnshire Council local elected

members and officers as, normally, they do not have the influence or links within the mainstream organisations.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 Financial implications would be minimal as it is proposed that support should be in the form of templates and elected member and officer time.
- 5.2 The future priorities of the Stronger Communities Team are currently being developed as part of the review of the team. The staffing implications of any decision can be factored into the priority setting process.
- 5.3 There are no other implications.

6 OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1 Consideration would need to be given as to how the formation of any group would affect or link in with the development of Neighbourhood Plans.

7 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1 No consultation has taken place to date.
- 7.2 Any information is based on anecdotal information during discussions with groups who have carried out or considered developing a CLP.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Member supports option 1;
- 8.2 That the Cabinet Member advises on the makeup of any group; and
- 8.3 That the Cabinet Member receives further reports on the progress of the matters detailed herein as appropriate.

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**COMMUNITY LED PLANS
PROGRESS UPDATE JULY 2012**

AREA	UPDATE	CONTACT
West Butterwick	First draft due end of August.	Gary Allen gary.allen@vanl.org.uk
Brigg	Amended plan circulated 28 June 2012	Alec Depledge alecwdepledge@talktalk.net
Westcliff	Provided feedback on first draft on 30 May. Update needed.	Rae Twidale rae_twidale@btconnect.com
Ulceby	Final draft completed 30 April.	Shirley Hulatt shirleypp@rhulatt.freeseve.co.uk
Barton	Met with Barton in June they are due to undertake consultation with the community in the next few weeks.	Viking Resource Centre & Gill Simpson GSimpson@carltoneducation.org.uk
Bonby	Low Villages Forum	Derek Sharland parishcouncil.ds@talktalk.net
Goxhill	Visited in June with Planning to discuss a Neighbourhood Plan.	Viv Sharland viviensharland@tiscali.co.uk
Crowle	Currently writing the draft of their plan. Update needed.	Paul McCartan & Hazel Wilson hazel.wilson@homecall.co.uk paul.mccartan@yara.com
Crosby	Completed. Produced by Ann Hindley.	Crosby One Liz Hanson, Company Secretary
Haxey	Completed.	Deb Hotson Clerk to Haxey Town Council 07842201877
Other Plans?		
Wooton	Contacted needed with HWRCC to see whether any plan was agreed to be completed.	Peter Hirschfeld
Scotter		
Luddington		
Kirton Lindsey Parish Plan	Produced in 2002	
Burton Upon Stather Parish Plan	Produced in 2006	
Winterton Improvement Plan	Produced in 2003	
Alkborough and Walcot Parish Plan	Produced in 2007	
Broughton Parish Plan	Produced in 2003	