

Appendix 4

Impact Assessment Level 1: Initial screening assessment

Subject of assessment:	Review of Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)			
Coverage:	Middlesbrough-wide			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input type="checkbox"/> Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision of an existing approach:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
It is driven by:	Legislation:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local or corporate requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description:	<p>Key aims, objectives and activities The purpose of the SCI is to set down the degree of involvement/engagement that the community and other stakeholders can expect in the taking of decisions on development proposals, and future planning strategy within the town.</p> <p>Statutory drivers (set out exact reference) The review of the SCI has been necessitated by amendments made by Central Government to the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations, the introduction of the Localism Act 2011, and the National Planning Policy Framework.</p> <p>Differences from any previous approach The review is mainly to update the Council's current adopted SCI. The review does not change the objectives of the SCI, and how the Council intends to consult on development proposals, the future planning strategy within the town.</p> <p>Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries (internal and external as appropriate) The Council, residents and stakeholders.</p> <p>Intended outcomes Adoption of the SCI.</p>			
Live date:	To be confirmed.			
Lifespan:	Until there are significant changes in legislation requiring a review of the SCI.			
Date of next review:	None at present.			

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights as enshrined in UK legislation?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As the review is to update the current adopted SCI in accordance with the above legislation and regulations, it is considered the guidance will not impact negatively on individual human rights.
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law? Could the decision impact differently on other commonly disadvantaged groups?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As the review is to update the current adopted SCI in accordance with the above legislation and regulations, it is considered the guidance will not impact negatively on equality.
Community cohesion Could the decision impact negatively on relationships between different groups, communities of interest or neighbourhoods within the town?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As the review is to update the current adopted SCI in accordance with the above legislation and regulations, it is considered the guidance will not impact negatively on community cohesion.
Middlesbrough 2020 – Our Vision Could the decision impact negatively on the achievement of the vision for Middlesbrough?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As the review is to update the current adopted SCI in accordance with the above legislation and regulations, it is considered the guidance will not impact negatively on the Council’s Middlesbrough 2020 - Our Vision.
Organisational management / Change Programme Could the decision impact negatively on organisational management or the transformation of the Council’s services as set out in its Change Programme?*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	As the review is to update the current adopted SCI in accordance with the above legislation and regulations, it is considered the guidance will not impact negatively on the Organisational management or the Change Programme of the Council.
Next steps: ➡ If the answer to all of the above screening questions is No then the process is completed. ➡ If the answer of any of the questions is Yes or Uncertain, then a Level 2 Full Impact Assessment must be completed.				

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* Consult the Impact Assessment further guidance appendix for details on the issues covered by each of these broad questions prior to completion.