

Individual Executive Member Decision

Thatcham Vision Refresh

Committee considering report: Individual Executive Member Decision

Date ID to be signed: 18 October 2016

Portfolio Member: Councillor Marcus Franks

Forward Plan Ref: ID3176

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek endorsement of the refreshed Thatcham Vision document by Individual Decision.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 For West Berkshire Council to formally endorse the refreshed Thatcham Vision.

3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** There are no specific financial implications arising from this report at this stage. Any of the actions in the Vision document that have financial implications for the Council will need to be addressed when those actions are moved forward. If actions require additional resources these will be brought to Members for consideration.

3.2 **Policy:** Parish Plans and Vision documents are an integral part of the Council Plan ambition to support communities to better help themselves.

3.3 **Personnel:** There are no personnel implications at this stage

3.4 **Legal:** There are no direct legal implications at this stage

3.5 **Risk Management:** Future support for the Action Plan items may be limited by Council finances and alternative priorities.

3.6 **Property:** No specific property implications. Any property related matters within the Action Plan will be addressed by the relevant Service, as and when the action is moved forward by the community in conjunction with the Council.

4. Consultation Responses

4.1 **Members:** All Members were consulted in May 2015 and November 2015 on earlier drafts of this document.

- 4.2 In January 2016, Councillor Law responded noting the detail and effort which had gone into the Vision document and explained that he was keen to see the actions taken forward in a strategic and coherent way. He suggested a Strategic Vision Steering Group as a mechanism to oversee the responsibility for actions and resourcing of projects, however this approach was not implemented.
- 4.3 At the time of publishing this report there were not any comments from the Leader of Council, the Ward Members, the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission or the Leader of the Opposition, however, comments made between now and the signing of the Individual Decision will be taken into consideration.
- 4.4 **Officers Consulted:** Nick Carter, All Heads of Service, Alex Godden, Bryan Lyttle, Caroline Corcoran, Cheryl Evans, Debbie Rowe, Elaine L Cox, Elaine Ricks-Neal, Jane Milone, Janet Duffield, Jim Sweeting, Jon Winstanley, Liz Alexander, Mark Cole, Mel Brain, Mike Brook, Navtej Tung, Patrick Leavey, Paul James, Rachael Lancaster, Stuart Clark, Susan Powell.

5. Background

- 5.1 Vision documents are key documents that set out how a community wishes to see itself develop in the future including clear Action Plans to help to realise that vision.
- 5.2 The endorsement of a Vision document represents the Council's commitment to working together with the community to realise the ambitions of the plan.
- 5.3 This means that the Council will give approval or sanction, where it can; actions that have the support of the community and have been included in the Vision document Action Plans.

6. Supporting Information

- 6.1 Vision documents are developed through wide ranging consultation with the local community; this helps ensure that the resulting plan reflects the needs and aspirations of local people.
- 6.2 The Plans are therefore an important source of intelligence about the views and concerns of the community as well as highlighting specific actions to be undertaken.
- 6.3 The attached refreshed Thatcham Vision document sets out the Parish aspirations and Action Plan for this community.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Thatcham Vision be formally endorsed by West Berkshire Council.

Background Papers:

Appendix A – Refreshed Thatcham Vision document

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box by double-clicking on the box and selecting 'Checked':

- The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval
- Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council
- Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position
- Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months
- Item is Urgent Key Decision
- Report is to note only
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Wards affected:

All Thatcham Wards

Please put a cross in the appropriate box(es) by double-clicking on the box and selecting 'Checked':

Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aim(s):

- SLE – A stronger local economy**
- P&S – Protect and support those who need it**
- HQL – Maintain a high quality of life within our communities**

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the following Council Strategy priority(ies):

- HQL1 – Support communities to do more to help themselves**
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