

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Brightwalton Parish Plan Refresh

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date ID to be signed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Marcus Franks

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3290

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek endorsement of the refreshed Brightwalton Parish Plan document by Individual Decision.

### 2. Recommendation

2.1 That West Berkshire Council to formally endorse the refreshed Brightwalton Parish Plan.

### 3. Implications

3.1 **Financial:** There are no specific financial implications arising from this report at this stage. Any of the actions in the Parish Plan 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 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 on this plan in April 2017. Councillor Hooker, Ward Member gave his full endorsement to this Plan in his statement: “I fully support this Parish Plan which is well thought out and has the interests of the village and its residents prominently at the heart of its foundation”.
- 4.2 At the time of publishing this report there were not any comments from the Acting 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.
- 4.3 **Officers Consulted:** Nick Carter, All Heads of Service, Bryan Lyttle, Laila Bassett, Glyn Davis, Nick Dale, Jenny Lyons, Jackie Ward and Sinead O’Donoghue.

## 5. Background

- 5.1 Parish Plans 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 Parish Plan represents the Council’s commitment to working together with the community to deliver these actions.

## 6. Supporting Information

- 6.1 Parish Plan documents are developed through detailed consultation with the local residents; this helps ensure that the resulting plan reflects the needs and aspirations of local people.
- 6.2 Attached are the refreshed Brightwalton Parish Plan and Action Plan documents which set out the current priorities for this community.

## 7. Conclusion

- 7.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Brightwalton Parish Plan be formally endorsed by West Berkshire Council.

**Background Papers:**

Appendix A – Refreshed Brightwalton Parish Plan

Appendix B - Refreshed Brightwalton Parish Action Plan

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**Subject to Call-In:**

Yes:  No:

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**Wards affected:**

Downlands Ward

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**Strategic Aims and Priorities Supported:**

The proposals will help achieve the following Council Strategy aims:

- 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:

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