



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Cabinet

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**Report of:** Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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**Subject:** Call-In of decision by the Leader of the Council on Statement of Community Involvement

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### Summary

This paper reports the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014, where a Call-In on the Statement of Community Involvement was considered.

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### Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

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### Background Papers:

Report to Leader of the Council, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014:

<http://sheffielddemocracy.moderngov.co.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=14335&Opt=0>

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014:

<http://sheffielddemocracy.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=136&MIId=5841&Ver=4>

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## **Called-In Decision – Outcome of Scrutiny Committee Meeting**

### **1. Leader's Decision**

- 1.1. The Executive Director, Place, submitted a report to the Leader of the Council on July 28th 2014 seeking approval for the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI outlines how the Council consults on planning applications and planning policy.
- 1.2. The Leader adopted the new Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.3. The Statement of Community Involvement report was on the Cabinet Forward Plan for August and it was intended that the report would have gone to Cabinet if Cabinet had met in August. However, in order to process the decision the Leader signed off the decision.
- 1.4. On the basis that the report was going to go to Cabinet and was on the Cabinet Forward Plan the outcome of the Scrutiny Committee meeting is reported back to Cabinet, rather than the Leader of the Council. This also ensures the report back takes place in a public meeting.

### **2. Scrutiny**

- 2.1. As per Part 4, section 16 of Sheffield City Council's Constitution, this decision was called in.
- 2.2. The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee met to consider the call-in on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The Committee heard from the relevant Cabinet Member, Council Officer and Councillors on the Committee. Issues discussed included online services; pre-application consultation; approach for controversial applications; and distributing notification letters to residents and businesses
- 2.3. The Scrutiny Committee:
  - (a) noted the contents of the report now submitted, together with the comments now made and the responses to the questions raised; and
  - (b) agreed to take no action in relation to the called-in decision, but consider whether issues arising from the call-in need to be added to its Work Programme 2014/15.

### **3. Recommendations:**

That Cabinet:

- a) notes the decision of the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.