



# Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Statement of Community Involvement (draft) - Department for Infrastructure Response	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016
<b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Leadership and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partners in Northern Ireland and external to it which helps us to deliver our vision for this Council Area.</li></ul>
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All environments in the area will benefit from pro-active decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough.</li></ul>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Sharon Mulhern
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	N/A

## For Decision

### 1.0 Background

1.1 As required under Section 4(1) of The Planning Act (NI) 2011 (“the Act”) Council has prepared a Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI).

### 2.0 Detail

2.1 The SCI was prepared in line with the Department for Infrastructure (DFI) (formerly DOE) Guidance as set out in its Development Plan Practice Note 02 – Statement of Community Involvement; published in April 2015.

2.2 Council considered it appropriate to invite representations prior to the preparation of its final SCI. The 8 week public consultation event commenced on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 with the publication of the draft document on Council’s website. Adverts were also placed in “The Chronicle” on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

- 2.4 The public consultation event ended on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Council's Planning Section did not receive any comments in response to the published document.
- 2.5 The final version of the SCI was approved by resolution of the Council at its Planning Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016, then ratified by full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.
- 2.6 The final version SCI was submitted to DFI (former DOE) on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 for comment/agreement. Council received the Department's comments on the SCI on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (see Appendix 1).
- 2.7 Planning Department has amended the draft SCI in line with the comments made (highlighted in red) at Appendix 1. The amended SCI document is detailed at Appendix 2.

### **3.0 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 None

### **4.0 Other Implications**

- 4.1 None

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members:
- 5.2 Note the comments from DFI on the SCI and agree the amendments as outlined in red at Appendix 1 and agree to the submission of the amended SCI to DFI for their agreement.