

## Policy & Resources Committee

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>30 October 2018</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Community Engagement Strategy</b>
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To provide the background to a review of the Community Engagement Strategy.

### **Background**

2. The Community Engagement Strategy was adopted in 2014, and much Community Engagement has occurred since.
3. As well as some cosmetic refinements, the Community Engagement Strategy has been updated to reflect those different methods of Community Engagement deployed.

### **Resource Appraisal**

4. The costs for undertaking community engagement are included as part of any new project / function / service budget estimates.

### **Risk Assessment**

5. Decision making requires an understanding of the opinions of the community. Embedding community engagement into all aspects of the work the Council does will ensure there is a clear understanding by both Members and staff of the importance in involving the community in the decisions that affect them. Such engagement will reduce risk in all that the Council does.

**Legal Powers:** Local Government Act 1972 s 111

### **Recommendation**

***It is recommended that:***

- i) The revised Community Engagement Strategy be adopted.***