

# **BISHOPSTOKE, FAIR OAK & HORTON HEATH (BIFOHH) LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 9 March 2022**

## **BIFOHH LOCAL AREA ACTION PLAN 2022/23**

### **Report of the Local Area Manager**

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#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Bishopstoke, Fair Oak & Horton Heath (BIFFOH) Local Area Action Plan (LAAP) 2022/23 shown in Appendix 1 is approved for adoption and publication.**

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#### **Summary**

This report presents the priorities for the coming year for the Local Area Committee.

#### **Statutory Powers**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

#### **Strategic Implications**

1. The Council has agreed a set of Borough-wide objectives to improve quality of life for all. These are set out in the Corporate Plan 2015-25. The Council also seeks to enable decisions to be made at the most appropriate local level, mostly notably through the five Local Area Committees but also through our town and parish councils and other more local partnerships. This LAAP sets out how these will be delivered on a local level.

#### **Local Area Action Plan**

2. The Local Area Committee regularly approves a Community Investment Programme (CIP), which lists all the local projects and initiatives that the Local Area Committee and Parishes would like to deliver in the short, medium and long term. The list is used to negotiate section 106 contributions from developers which often form the majority of the funds required. These funds often need to be pooled from several developments over a number of years in order to achieve sufficient project budget.

3. All five Local Area Committees are now seeking to set out a shorter-term list of priorities for the coming year and the BIFOHH priorities are given in Appendix 1 within the BIFOHH Local Area Action Plan 2022/23. The Plan will be used to determine budgets and resources as part of the Council's annual business planning cycle. This is also a public facing document and part of its purpose is transparency, enabling residents to understand what the committee is planning to achieve.
4. Local Area and Cabinet Councillors have been consulted on the draft Plan and it is now recommended that the BIFOHH Local Area Action Plan 2022/23 is approved for adoption and publication, subject to minor formatting changes.

### **Financial Implications**

5. The actions identified within the LAAP can be met within the existing budgets.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

6. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report as the decision relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people. A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out at this stage, however, any project will include a detailed EIA as part of the project management process.

### **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

7. The BIFOHH local area committee (LAC) is fully focused on improving the environment and tackling climate change. The first key priority in the 22/23 LAAP states the climate emergency and commits the LAC will ensure impacts on the environment and climate change are central in their thinking. This overarching priority seeks to ensure a wraparound commitment for every project and committee decision. Additional to this, as part of the project management process of each project, an assessment on the impact on climate change will be undertaken.

### **Conclusion**

8. The report presents the draft BIFOHH Local Area Action Plan shown in Appendix 1 for approval.

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Appendices Attached: 1

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

Background Papers – Eastleigh Borough Council Corporate Plan 2015-25