



East  
Northamptonshire  
Council

## Planning Policy Committee – 22 July 2013

### Adoption of Thrapston Community Plan

#### Purpose of report

This report presents the final Thrapston Community Plan (Master Plan) for adoption by this Council. The Plan has been developed in partnership with the Town Council after a programme of consultation with community groups and residents, including young people. It will both form the basis for an action plan for the Town Council and inform future statutory local development plans for the town.

#### Attachment(s)

Appendix 1: Thrapston Community Plan (Final)

#### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members will be aware that master or community plans have, or are being developed for each of the six towns in the District. These plans take a holistic look at the needs and aspirations of local residents and form the basis for both an action plan for the Town Council and inform future statutory local development plans for the town being developed by ENC, JPC and other organisations. It will represent a vision for the town, with projects that can be implemented over the short, medium and long term.
- 1.2 In January 2012 Thrapston Town Council approached this Council to seek funding to enable Consultants to carry out a master plan as they felt they did not have the resources to undertake the work themselves. This funding request was approved in February 2012 and consultants Ancer Spa appointed to carry out the consultation work and develop the plan.
- 1.3 The project was overseen by a project steering group which comprised:
  - Cllr Valerie Carter – Chairman of Thrapston Town Council
  - Cllr Peter Baden – Town and District Councillor
  - Cllr David Read – Town and District Councillor
  - Cllr Michael Finch – District Councillor
  - Cllr Wendy Brackenbury – District Councillor
 Supported by the Community Partnerships Team.
- 1.4 A series of consultation activities was undertaken in autumn 2012 which captured the views of individuals, schools, community groups and businesses in the area, including the distribution of a questionnaire to various stakeholders and a collaborative workshop event held at Thrapston Plaza. A draft plan was then drawn up and further consultation took place over March 2013 before the final plan was produced (See Appendix 1.)
- 1.5 The final plan will be adopted by Thrapston Town Council in July. Adoption by this Council would provide formal recognition of the content of the plan and reinforce its role in shaping future plans for the Town.

#### 2.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 2.1 No Equalities Impact Assessment is required for adoption. Efforts were made during the development of the plan to include a wide range of community groups including older people and young people.

### 3.0 Legal Implications

3.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposed adoption of the final Community Plan.

### 4.0 Risk Management

4.1 There are no identified risks arising from this proposal.

### 5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There are no direct additional financial implications arising from adoption of the final plan. Additional funding may be required for implementation of individual elements but it not anticipated that these will fall outside the agreed provisions of the MTFS.

### 6.0 Corporate Outcomes

6.1 The Masterplan supports priority outcomes set out in the Corporate Plan; including specifically:

- Improved market towns
- High quality built environment

### 7.0 Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is recommended to approve adoption of the final Thrapston Community Plan

*[Reason: To recognise the content of the plan in articulating the aspirations of residents and community groups, including the Town Council, for the future development of the town]*

<b>Legal</b>	Power: Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004				
	Other considerations:				
<b>Background Papers:</b>					
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