

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NWPWG) Update and Report re 'Informal Consultation'

1. Purpose of the report

To update Full Council on progress and advise details of the 'Informal Consultation' and to request an allocation of funding.

2. Update

- a. At the last meeting of Full Council (and also by St. Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council and Brokenborough Parish Council) the review and amendments of the Malmesbury Area Neighbourhood Plan were agreed and that the work should proceed to consultation. It was advised that there would likely be financial implications resulting from the process.
- b. The joint working party with advice from Wiltshire Council have now arranged the 'Informal Consultation' for residents and others. This will take place from Monday 13th September 2021 to Sunday 24th October 2021. It will comprise of events, email, online and paper consultation options.
- c. Funding for this and the 'Formal Consultation' which follows, (held as soon as possible after the 'Informal Consultation' responses have been assessed) has been sought from Locality. This is an organisation which deals with Neighbourhood Planning and an application for a grant to pay for costs of the process has been submitted to them. However, it is possible that the grant application may be delayed or rejected.
- d. Therefore, the joint working party are requesting that funding of up to £2,000 be made available to fund the consultation process, which will be used, in the event the grant funding is delayed or not forthcoming. (It is suggested that this is sourced from Reserves or with the permission of Planning and Environment Committee a contribution from their Strategic Planning budget).
- e. St. Paul Without Parish Council are supportive of some funding and we will look to both them and Brokenborough Parish Council for appropriate contributions should the grant not be available.

3. Proposal

- a. It is proposed that Councillors note the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan work and agree to funding of up to £2,000 to be made available to support the Neighbourhood Plan Review process, should the grant funding be delayed or not given.
- b. It is further proposed that should grant funding not be available, then contributions will be sought from St. Paul Without Parish Council and Brokenborough Parish Council.

4. Financial Implications

- a. There will potentially be a cost of up to £2,000 to the Town Council, should the funding application from Locality not be granted

*Cllr Mrs. Kim Power - Chair JNPWG
7th September 2019*