

CABINET – 12TH NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: 'THE VALUE OF HISTORIC PLACES' CONSERVATION STRATEGY

FOR THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT 2014-2019

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151

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- 1.1 The attached report, which outlined the stakeholder engagement undertaken in respect of the Draft Conservation Strategy for the Historic Environment 2014-2019, and sought Members' views on proposed changes to the Draft Conservation Strategy as a consequence of public consultation, was considered by the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28th October 2014.
- 1.2 The report detailed the need for and the scope of a Conservation Strategy, with Officers outlining the list of statutory designations within the county borough to be included within the remit of the Strategy (encompassing listed buildings, scheduled ancient monuments, historic parks and gardens and historic landscapes). The Strategy will include a number of priority objectives, which will be reviewed after five years.
- 1.3 The report outlined the consultation process (with copies of the Draft Conservation Strategy made available for public view) and summarised the three responses received. Subsequent amendments to the draft Strategy have been actioned, with any further comments received following presentation to Members to be included in the final version of the Strategy. Officers also responded to Members' queries in relation to local heritage sites.
- 1.4 Following consideration of the report, including the proposed changes to the Draft Conservation Strategy, the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee unanimously recommended to Cabinet that for the reasons contained therein:-
 - (i) The stakeholder engagement undertaken in respect of the Draft Conservation Strategy for the Historic Environment 2014-2019 (July 2014) be noted;
 - (ii) The amended Conservation Strategy be named 'The Value of Historic Places';
 - (iii) The strategic framework, which will positively and beneficially conserve, enhance and where appropriate preserve the historic environment for its intrinsic value and for containing important historic assets, be approved.
- 1.5 Members are asked to consider the recommendations.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Report to Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee on 28th October 2014 –

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