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Recommendations from the Economic Recovery Scrutiny Committee held on 1 December 2021 - Local Plan Consultation Scrutiny Review

Cabinet is requested to consider the below recommendations agreed at the Economic Recovery Scrutiny Committee held on 1 December 2021 in respect of the Committee's Local Plan Consultation review.

A copy the accompanying briefing note and background papers can be viewed on the [1 December 2021 Economic Recovery Scrutiny Committee](#) meeting page on the Council's website.

Recommendations:

- (A) Consideration be given to having a stand at public events such as the local farmers markets that take place throughout the District.
- (B) Consultation be directed to areas in the District where higher levels of development were taking place.
- (C) Make better use of social media by setting up a dedicated Facebook page for the Local Plan consultation; this could then be shared/promoted by all political groups.
- (D) Councillors should be encouraged to liaise and engage with residents to seek their views, particularly in areas where significant development was taking place.
- (E) Improve the communication between Officers and Ward Members in order to share knowledge of any development activities in a particular area.
- (F) To look at using virtual consultation methods similar to those used for the Levelling Up Fund – build this into the next stage of the consultation process.
- (G) That the non-technical document be circulated to Members of the Group for them to review and feedback any comments to officers.
- (H) To look at how the Council publish the information in respect of the Local Plan – do something different to capture the interest of the public when consultation was launched.
- (I) The need for better engagement with Parish Councils – suggest Officer attendance at Parish Council meetings to outline the consultation process and advise how the public can get involved.
- (J) The need for the provision for gypsy/traveller families in the Local Plan – although this was a key theme in the Local Plan it was considered this could be highlighted better in the consultation process.