

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 12/05/2022

Phase 1 of New Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Agenda item 22/015 1b: To receive an update on Phase 1 of the new Neighbourhood Plan and approve the additional budget of £1,000.

Background

Residents have been notified, via the Parish Council magazine, that a new NP is to be produced but no further engagement or consultation has yet taken place. Phase 1 is to engage and consult with the Community:

- a. to establish cross generationally the Community's core aspirations for the development of Mortimer through to 2036
- b. for the Community to have a broad understanding of the likely consequences of delivering those aspirations.

This will establish in broad terms the 'direction of travel' of the New NP providing the basis for research and further consultation.

The Consultancy (Bluestone) has been engaged (as per the approval of the NPSG and of Full Council on 14 January 2022) and has produced the Plan (content and timeline) for Phase 1 which is detailed in the attached document.

Costs

The estimated cost of Phase 1 (including Consultancy Support) is £6000. These costs include the previously approved budget of £5000 for Consultancy and therefore the request is for an additional £1000.

Recommendation

To approve the additional associated expenditure of £1000 in order that Phase 1 may proceed.

Associated Documents attached:

- Phase 1: Engaging the Community & Gathering Information
- Consultation Strategy