Place Plan Review 2017

Frequently Asked Questions

October 2017

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| 1. **What is a Place Plan**
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| * **The Place Plans form the Implementation Plan for Shropshire’s Development Plan**
* The set out how Shropshire’s Local Plan Will be Delivered
	+ Identifies the infrastructure requirements for the development set out in the Local Plan
	+ Identifies where possible how and when the infrastructure requirements will be delivered.
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| 1. **What is the purpose of the Place Plans**
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| * Provides a framework for the negotiation and use of developer contributions (S106 and CIL)
	+ Provides evidence base to inform preparation of Annual CIL 123 List
* Supports the Economic Growth Strategy For Shropshire
* Provide a targeted strategy to support delivery of sustainable growth
* Provides an evidence base to assist with delivery of local community priorities
	+ Provides a framework for discussion with local communities to identify and prioritise local investment requirements
	+ Identifies where communities need to take the lead e.g. Via use of precepts, Neighbourhood Funds, external funding applications
	+ Provides an evidence base to assist with external funding bids
	+ Provides a framework for local communities to prioritise outcomes from Community Led Planning
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| 1. **Are there any constraints to the Place Plans?**
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| * There is a requirement to align the Place Plans with the Development Plan (Local Plan Review currently underway)
* Definitions around defining priorities set out in Core Strategy Policy CS9 – “Critical, Priority and Key”
* Requirement to provide clarity on which infrastructure needs will be resourced by SC either as an enabler or direct delivery agent (Critical and Priority) as opposed to those community priorities which require local resourcing to achieve (Key)
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| 1. **Are the Place Plan Areas Staying the same?**
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| Yes, there has been no change in the geography of the Place Plan Areas. |
| 1. **Are the definitions of project prioritisation staying the same?**
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| To simplify the definition of projects, we have aligned the definition of prioritisation to the categorisations identified in our core strategy. The definition of project prioritisation is:* **Critical-** *There is a physical constraint to development or economic growth without it. SC will work with partners to ensure delivery in the interests of Shropshire.*
* **Priority-** *Development or economic growth cannot come forward in a sustainable or acceptable way without it. SC will work with the local community and partners to ensure delivery in the interests of a particular locality*
* **Key-** *Development or economic growth can come forward but there may be some adverse impacts on local sustainability without it. The local community works directly with partners to meet local needs*
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| 1. **What is the purpose of redesigning the Place Plans**
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| * Develop a robust evidence based tool with our partners, to inform future decision making and investment around prioritised infrastructure delivery
* Provide a means of assessing CIL Local Expressions of Interest.
* Present information in a more user friendly and resource efficient format
* Provide a more efficient process for reviewing and updating the Place Plans – possibly looking at annual summaries alongside the detailed Infrastructure Delivery Plans
* Be clear about our responsibilities and decision making processes i.e. What will Shropshire Council enable or deliver and how will it allocate resources
* Provide more feedback on delivery
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| 1. **What happened to the redesign work we all did in 2016**
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| We listened to your feedback and we have made substantial changes to the design and presentation of the plans.* Agreed to simplify design
* Strip out unnecessary information – we will supply links to the latest data for your area
* We intend to introduce a summary page per Parish
* We aim to create the Plans as a Web-based tool
* We aim for parish and town clerks to have password protected access to update your sections
* CIL monies to be identified
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| 1. **The Parishes would like specific pages for their areas as we cannot find the information we need in the current format?**
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| We intend to introduce summary pages for each parish area and we are keen to work with you to ensure these meet the needs of your area.  |
| 1. **If we need help filling in the forms who can help us?**
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| Please contact your local Community Enablement Officer who will be pleased to help you complete the forms.  |
| 1. **Do we need to have undertaken a Community Led Plan before we complete and return the form?**
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| No. As the elected representatives for your parish, we are keen to capture your knowledge and insight into your area. If you are interested in undertaking a Community Led Plan in the future please contact your Community Enablement Officer who will be happy to advice you on the most appropriate route for your community |
| 1. **Our Community Led Plan is over 5 years old – does this matter?**
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| No. As the elected representatives for your parish, we recognise that you will have the most up to date insight into your area. If you are interested in updating your Community Led Plan or undertaking an enhanced plan please contact your local Community Enablement Officer who will be happy to advice you on the most appropriate route for your community.  |
| What is a regulation 123 infrastructure list?  |
| Shropshire Council as the charging authority is required to annually set out a list of those projects or types of infrastructure that it intends to fund, or may fund, through the levy. This list is approved by cabinet. Projects on the CIL list are not eligible for Section 106 funding.  |
| 1. **Can we influence Critical and Priority Projects**
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| Yes, if you are aware of infrastructure requirements in your areas, to support development please include those on your Place Plan Update form  |
| 1. **What can neighbourhood funding be spent on?**
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| The neighbourhood fund portion of the levy can be spent on a wider range of things than the rest of the levy, provided that it meets the requirement to ‘support the development of the area’. Parish and town councils should discuss their priorities with Shropshire Council during the Place Plan update process.Parish and town councils should work closely with their neighbouring councils and Shropshire Council to agree on infrastructure spending priorities. If the parish or town council shares the priorities of Shropshire Council, they may agree that SC should retain the neighbourhood funding to spend on that infrastructure. It may be that this infrastructure (e.g. a school) is not in the parish or town council’s administrative area, but will support the development of the area. |
| 1. **How do town and parish councils access CIL Local Funding for projects identified in the Place Plan**
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| We welcome the opportunity to discuss projects with you to identify the most appropriate funding source. If a Town or Parish Council intends to submit an Expression of Interest form to support the delivery of an identified infrastructure project please contact your Community Enablement Officer for advice and support.  |