

## Report of the Chief Executive

**AWSWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**1. Purpose of report

To seek the resolution of the Council to 'make' (adopt) the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan, following a successful referendum result on 10 June 2021.

2. Background

Following an Independent Examination into the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan, the Independent Examiner recommended that the Plan should proceed to referendum, subject to a number of recommended modifications. At its meeting of 25 March 2021, the Jobs and Economy Committee resolved that the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to referendum on 10 June 2021.

3. Detail

A Neighbourhood Plan referendum took place in relation to the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan on Thursday 10 June 2021, asking the question: '*Do you want Broxtowe Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Awsworth to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*'. The number of votes cast in favour of 'Yes' was 401 and those in favour of 'No' was 57. The turnout was 27.26%.

Section 38A (4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) requires that the Council must 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan if more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the Plan. Therefore, Broxtowe Borough Council is now required to formally 'make' (adopt) the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan. The Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan would then form part of the 'development plan' for Awsworth Parish, sitting alongside the Broxtowe Local Plan. Decisions on planning applications within Awsworth Parish will be made using both the Broxtowe Local Plan and the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan, and any other material considerations. The final version of the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan is available to view on our website [here](#).

4. Financial considerations

Following the decision to proceed to a referendum, the Borough Council submitted an application for £20,000 of central government funding to cover costs in relation to the preparation of the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan, the Independent Examination, and organising the referendum.

**Recommendation**

**Council is asked to RESOLVE that:**

- 1. The Council 'makes' (adopts) the Awsworth Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 2. Authority be given to the Chief Executive to issue a statement setting out this decision (the 'Decision Statement').**

Background papers: Nil