

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management

### BRAMCOTE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM RE-DESIGNATION

#### 1. Purpose of Report

To seek the resolution of Cabinet to re-designate the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum for a further five-year period.

#### 2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that:**

- 1. The Council re-designates the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum for a further five-year period.**
- 2. Authority be given to the Chief Executive to publicise the designation of the Neighbourhood Forum in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).**

#### 3. Detail

The Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum was originally designated by Broxtowe Borough Council on 3 August 2016. Neighbourhood Forum designations last for a period of five years. Neighbourhood Area designations do not expire. The Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum has been working on producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Bramcote Neighbourhood Area.

The designation of the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum expired in August 2021. On 13 June 2022, the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum applied to Broxtowe Borough Council to re-designate the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum for a further five-year period.

The Forum's application was accompanied by the supporting documents required by legislation, as set out within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), and which include:

- The name of the Neighbourhood Forum;
- A copy of the Constitution of the Neighbourhood Forum;
- The Decision Notice designating the Neighbourhood Area to which the application relates, including a map to identify the area;
- The contact details of at least one member of the Neighbourhood Forum to be made public;
- A statement which explains how the Neighbourhood Forum meets the conditions contained in section 61F (5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The Forum also submitted the minutes of its meetings held in August and October 2021 to further support its application.

The Neighbourhood Forum's application to re-designate the Forum can be viewed on Broxtowe Borough Council's website at the following link:

<https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/bramcoteneighbourhoodplan>

In order to comply with Regulation 9 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), Broxtowe Borough Council invited comments on the application to re-designate the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum for the period between 22 June 2022 and 5 August 2022.

The Council has received one representation from members of the public. This is supportive of the application to re-designate the Neighbourhood Forum.

In addition, responses were received from Natural England, Nottinghamshire County Council, Severn Trent Water and HS2 Ltd, confirming that these organisations had no comments on the application, and from the Beeston and District Civic Society supporting the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum.

The Coal Authority provided additional information but did not comment on the application to re-designate the Neighbourhood Forum.

Further information including redacted versions of the representations can be viewed on Broxtowe Borough Council's website at the following link:

<https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/bramcoteneighbourhoodplan>.

#### 4. Financial Implications

The comments of the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no financial implications at this stage. If the Council were to make a decision to re-designate the Bramcote Neighbourhood Forum, the Council would be able to apply for grant funding of £5,000 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

#### 5. Legal Implications

The comments of the Head of Legal were as follows:

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended by the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016), The Council is required to make a decision as to whether or not to designate the Neighbourhood Forum within the period of 13 weeks beginning with the day immediately following that on which the application was first publicised (for example 13 weeks from 23 June 2022).

Regulation 11 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) confirms that where a neighbourhood forum has been designated in relation to a neighbourhood area under section 61F of the 1990 Act, and that designation has not expired or been withdrawn, a local planning authority may

decline to consider any neighbourhood forum application made in relation to that neighbourhood area.

6. Human Resources Implications

N/A

7. Union Comments

N/A.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

N/A

9. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable as no new or amended policy is proposed.

10. Background Papers

Nil