

## Report of the Chief Executive

**NUTHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

1. Purpose of report  
To seek authority to hold a referendum into the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan as modified, and then to make (adopt) the plan in the event of a 'yes' vote.
2. Background  
Following an Independent Examination into the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan the Examiner has concluded her examination of the plan and recommends that it proceeds to referendum with a number of required modifications. The Inspector's report, including her required modifications, is included in appendix 1, the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan as amended is included in appendix 2, and the Draft Decision Statement is included in appendix 3.
3. Detail  
The Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan is the result of several years' work from the Parish Council and the steering group and they have consistently followed advice from officers in the Broxtowe Planning team to ensure that at the point of submission their plan was in accordance with the necessary legal and procedural requirements and in particular that there was no conflict with strategic policies of the Council's Local Plan. The examiner concludes her report by stating;  
  
*'I congratulate the Parish Council for producing a Plan which seeks to address the local circumstances in a distinctive way and provide a positive way forward for the next 12 years. The policies in the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan should greatly assist development management decision-making related to land and property in the Parish.'*
3. Financial considerations  
Following a decision to proceed to a referendum the Borough Council can apply for £20,000 central government money to hold the referendum. This will be sufficient to cover the costs and although there is an application process, it is not expected that an application will be refused. If it is refused there is sufficient money in existing budgets.

**Recommendation**

**Council is asked to RESOLVE that:**

1. **All of the findings of the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's recommended modifications to the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan be accepted.**
2. **The holding of a referendum for the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan with the area for the referendum being the Parish of Nuthall be approved.**
3. **The Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement and its publication be approved.**
4. **Subject to a majority vote in the referendum, the Council 'makes' (adopts) the Nuthall Neighbourhood Plan.**
5. **Authority be given the Chief Executive to issue a statement setting out this decision as soon as possible following the referendum.**

Background papers: Nil