Cabinet Member Decision Notice - Public

Part A – to be provisionally completed prior to the meeting and finalised after the meeting following agreement with the decision maker.

1. Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Planning

2. Date of the Decision: 23 April 2019

3. Subject (title and description): Neighbourhood Area Designation – Staveley and Copgrove

4. Did the decision maker declare an interest? No

5. Lead Officer: Tracey Rathmell, Executive Officer Policy and Place (Janet Entwistle, Senior Planner)

6. Was all or any part of the report exempt? No

   If yes, is there an Exempt Decision Notice?

7. The Decision:

   • That the council formally designates the neighbourhood area submitted by Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council, as set out in the attached application (appendix 1 to the report), which comprises a supporting statement and plan.

   • That the council publicises the designation of the Staveley and Copgrove Neighbourhood Area in line with the methods identified in paragraph 5.10 of the report in order to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business within the area, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 7 of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

8. Reasons for the Decision:

   • The government’s localism agenda provides an opportunity for local communities to get more involved in planning in their areas through neighbourhood planning. Local planning authorities are expected to play a positive role in facilitating and supporting this process. The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016 requires that the first step in the neighbourhood planning process is for the local planning authority to formally designate a neighbourhood area and to publicise the designation.

9. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

   • Not to agree Staveley and Copgrove Parish Council’s request for the designation of a neighbourhood area and to publicise this, as set out in the Regulations. This is rejected as it would not be in accordance with the Regulations or with the government’s localism agenda and would deny the
local community the opportunity of participating in neighbourhood planning.

- To designate the area as a business area. This is rejected as it cannot be said that the area applied for is wholly or predominantly a business area.

10. **Is this a Key Decision:** No

If yes, please state Forward Plan reference number:

**Part B – Key Decisions Only – to be completed by Democratic Services**

11. **Is the decision subject to call in:** N/A

12. **End of the Call-In Period:**