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Report to Development Committee

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Subject	Neighbourhood Plan Survey Responses and Comments

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To remind Members that a survey to validate key aspects from 2017 to 2023 was undertaken online and in paper format as part of the Regulation 14 Consultation period ending on 2nd November 2023.
2. To inform Members that four key questions considered in 2017 were asked again in 2023 to understand whether focus had changed that may inform policy change within the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - What do you value most about Todmorden?
 - What new development does Todmorden need?
 - What are your worries for the future of Todmorden?
 - What are your 3 most important aspects in any new development?
3. To inform Members that 46 responses were received in total and an overall summary included in Appendix 1, noting that not all questions were answered by every person responding.
4. To ask Members to note that the sample at 46 is substantively less than that from 2017 when considering whether to include any new policy or wording at this last stage of Neighbourhood Plan preparation.
5. To inform Members that the opportunity was also provided by way of general comment to reflect any other major concerns- see Appendix 2 . Those relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan have been considered and those of a more general nature will be considered as to whether any further action is necessary.
6. To provide an analysis for Members of key movements in ranking between 2017 and 2023 in order to consider policy change and or amendment- see Appendix 2
7. To inform member that arising of such analysis that both new Policy and a strengthening of existing Policy could be considered for inclusion as follows: -

7a *Indoor/Outdoor Markets/Independent Business*

New Policy TC4 and wording to reflect importance of both these retail sectors that contribute to the identity of Todmorden.

7b *Transport Links and Infrastructure*

Strengthening of Policy TM3 for EV Charging Points to also reflect need to provide policy support for existing building supply and or retrofit.

7c *Youth facilities and leisure facilities including rural areas*

Strengthening of Policy CCR1 or potential new Policy that perhaps reflects greater concerns now than in 2017.

8 That if these changes are supported by Members, to seek delegation for the Chair of the Development Committee in conjunction with the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group to approve such changes.

FINANCIAL

8. None arising out this report

RECOMMENDATION

9. That Members m note and receive the report.

10. That Members decide whether they wish to include changes proposed under paragraph 7 or any others as felt appropriate.

11. To delegate to the Chair of the Development Committee in conjunction with the Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group to approve such changes.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

12. Development Committee is tasked to oversee production and completion of the Neighbourhood Plan.

13. As the Neighbourhood Plan nears completion a scheme of delegation will enable final changes to be approved.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

14. Todmorden Town Council has resolved to take forward a Neighbourhood Plan.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

15. Regulation 14 Consultation was carried out between 21st September 2023 and 2nd November 2023.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

16. None arising directly out of this report.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

17. None arising directly out of this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

Appendix 1 – Summary of Consultation responses

Appendix 2 - General Comments

Appendix 3- Comparison of Responses 2017 to 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill