



## Council

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<b>Report of</b>	<b>Assistant Director, Corporate and Improvement</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Richard Clifford</b> ☎ 507832
<b>Title</b>	<b>Notification of Urgent Decisions taken under Council Procedure Rule 18 – Adoption of Marks Tey and West Mersea Neighbourhood Plans</b>		
<b>Wards affected</b>	Marks Tey and Layer, Mersea and Pyefleet		

### 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Neighbourhood Plans for Marks Tey and West Mersea had successfully completed the process of examination and approval at referendum and were referred to the Council to be made (approved) as part of the Colchester Local Plan.

1.2 Full Council is legally required to ratify the Neighbourhood Plans within 8 weeks of receipt. As there were no Council meetings scheduled within 8 weeks of when the Plans were referred to the Council, the decision to ratify each of the Neighbourhood Plans was taken under the urgency provisions of the Council Procedure Rules.

1.3 When decisions are taken under the urgency provisions this must be reported to the next meeting of Full Council and this report meets that requirement.

### 2. Recommended Decision

2.1 Council is invited to note the decisions taken under Council Procedure Rule 18 (Matters of Urgency) to make the Neighbourhood Plans for Marks Tey and West Mersea.

### 3. Reason for Recommended Decision

3.1 Urgent decisions taken under Council Procedure Rule 18 must be reported to the next meeting of Council.

### 4. Alternative Options

4.1 No alternative options are presented.

## **5. Background Information**

5.1 The Neighbourhood Plans for Marks Tey and West Mersea had successfully completed the process of examination and approval at referendum and were referred to the Council to be made (approved) as part of the Colchester Local Plan.

5.2 Neighbourhood Plans and legally required to be made by Full Council within 8 weeks of receipt. As there were no Council meetings scheduled within 8 weeks of when the Plans were received by the Council, the decision to make each of the Neighbourhood Plans was taken under the urgency provisions set out in rule 18 of the Council Procedure Rules. The decisions were taken by the Monitoring Officer on 7 April 2022 following consultation with the Mayor and the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel. Details of the decisions were circulated to all Councillors.

5.3 The details of the decisions to approve the Neighbourhood Plans, including information on how the Plans were prepared, the consultation undertaken and how they were examined, are set out in the reports which are attached as appendices to this report as follows:-

- Appendix A report and decision notice in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan for Marks Tey
- Appendix B report and decision notice in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan for West Mersea

## **6. Standard References**

6.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications arising from this report.

6.2 The standard references arising from the decisions to approve the Neighbourhood Plans are set out in the relevant report.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A report and decision notice in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan for Marks Tey
- Appendix B report and decision notice in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan for West Mersea