

## **Village Services Survey 2017**

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### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Members of the *Village Services Survey 2017*. This forms part of the Local Plan evidence base which will inform the review of the Core Strategy and also planning decisions in the short term by informing the Interim Housing Policy.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Members note the content within the *Village Service Survey 2017* report.

#### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Council carried out an audit of the services provided in each of the villages in the borough during 2010 and compiled this information in the *Village Services Survey 2010* report. This provided information that helped to inform the settlement hierarchy in the Core Strategy.
- 1.2 During April 2017 the team updated this survey work by visiting each village in the borough to determine the amount of services and see how they have changed since 2010. This work has been completed and the information has now been compiled as an updated report: *The Village Services Survey 2017*.
- 1.3 This information will now be used to support decision making in the coming months while the Interim Housing Policy is in place, and will also inform the review of the current strategic Local Plan policies and the spatial distribution of development in the new Local Plan.
- 1.4 It should be noted that this information is not directly comparable between 2010 and 2017 as the update carried out in 2017 looks beyond the adopted settlement boundaries to help identify where services could be used by residents of more than one settlement and the 'functional areas' that can exist beyond settlement boundaries.
- 1.5 Members are asked to review the document and provide feedback so it can be completed and published as evidence base for the Copeland Local Plan.

#### **APPENDICES**

- Appendix One: Village Service Survey 2017 – To Follow