

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING GROUP REPORT

1. CONTEXT

- 1.1. Little Bealings Parish Council is the qualifying body for the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan and resolved on 3 July 2023 to prepare a Plan for the whole parish. East Suffolk Council approved the designation of the whole parish as the Plan area on 9 August 2023. The Council has obtained 2023/24 government funding for the production of the Plan and has appointed People4Places Planning Consultancy as its consultant for Plan preparation.
- 1.2. At its meeting on 4 September the Council formed a Focus Group to take the Plan forward, comprising three Parish Councillors. Following a public consultation event held on 11 November 2023 it is now appropriate to replace the Focus Group with a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, comprising the Focus Group members and local resident volunteers. This report presents draft terms of Terms of Reference for the new Group for approval, as attached at Appendix A.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. The Council is asked to resolve:

- to replace the Focus Group with a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group
- approve the Terms of Reference as drafted or with such amendments as it considers appropriate.