

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5th July 2016

### PROTECTING REDDITCH'S HERITAGE ASSETS – PROPOSED SHORT, SHARP REVIEW

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Greg Chance, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development and Transport.
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

#### 1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received for Members to undertake a Short, Sharp Review of action that could be taken to protect heritage assets located in the Borough of Redditch.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve one of the following options:

- 1) **Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Protecting Redditch's Heritage Assets Short, Sharp Review be launched.**
- 2) **Members consider options to enhance protection for heritage assets based in the Borough of Redditch at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 3) **No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.**
- 4) **Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.**

#### 3. KEY ISSUES

##### Background

- 3.1 There are a number of heritage assets located in the Borough of Redditch. In recent weeks this has received press coverage following the removal of the Headless Cross Methodist Church spire and temporary storage in Herefordshire whilst a new location is identified.
- 3.2 A review of this subject would address any concerns within the community that may have arisen as a consequence.

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### **Financial Implications**

- 3.3 There are no direct financial implications.

### **Legal Implications**

- 3.4 Overview and Scrutiny reviews cannot consider specific planning applications that might impact on heritage assets located in the Borough as this is subject to a separate and established quasi-judicial decision making process. The focus of this review, if it is launched, will only be on policy issues.

### **Service / Operational Implications**

3. At present there are no scrutiny Task Group or Short, Sharp Reviews taking place in Redditch. There is therefore capacity amongst both Members and the Democratic Services team to support this review.

### **Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.13 There are no specific equalities or diversity implications.

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

No specific risks have been identified.

## **5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Protecting Redditch’s Heritage Assets Short, Sharp Review – Scoping Document.

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