

Development of the New Strategic Plan

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Classification	Public
Wards affected	All

Executive Summary

This report sets out the draft vision, objectives and outcomes for committee consideration following the workshops and events with Councillors and the Leadership Team.

This report makes the following recommendation to this Committee:

Give feedback on the draft vision, objectives and outcomes to Policy and Resources Committee as part of the development of the new Strategic Plan.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Heritage, Culture and Leisure	2 October 2018
Strategic Planning Sustainability and Transportation	9 October 2018
Communities, Housing and Environment	16 October 2018
Policy and Resources	24 October 2018
Policy and Resources	28 November 2018
Council	12 December 2018

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1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Policy and Resources Committee agreed in July 2018 to a corporate planning timetable for the creation of a new Strategic Plan to run concurrently with the Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2019-2024.
- 1.2 The timetable included councillor workshops to develop the Strategic Plan prior to consultation with stakeholders and service committee review in October. The timetable as agreed is set out in **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 This report provides an update on the work undertaken so far to develop the plan, the draft vision, objectives and outcomes for service committee review and consideration.

2. ACTION TAKEN SO FAR

- 2.1 Four workshops were held covering the four emerging themes of the Council's future strategic plan. The numbers in brackets represent the number of Councillor attendees at each workshop:
 - Creating a great place for living and visiting (17)
 - Great communities by design (16)
 - People are healthy and safe (10)
 - Prosperity – Working in the Borough (13)
- 2.2 The purpose of the workshops was for Councillors to consider the objectives and outcomes the Council should aspire to in the new Strategic Plan, considering what the Council could do to achieve these objectives alone and working with others. All presentations and information shared and gathered at each workshop has been circulated to all Councillors.
- 2.3 In terms of the vision for the Strategic Plan, it has been identified from conversations with Members that our vision needed to go beyond the 5 years of the strategic plan to ensure it leads all policies and strategies of the Council and really sets out where we want to be in the future. As such it is proposed that the Vision covers the period to 2045. The draft vision is set out in **Appendix B**.
- 2.4 Wider Leadership Team considered the outputs from the workshops and as a result it is recommended that the number of objectives is reduced from the figure of 12 originally discussed with Members to 8, and the categorisation of objectives into four 'pillars' is removed. This recommendation is made to reduce duplication and complexity, based on Member consideration of how future outcomes could be achieved, because there was a degree of repetition and overlap across the original twelve draft objectives. A table mapping the bullet points from the workshops onto the draft outcomes can be found at **Appendix C**.

- 2.5 Policy and Resources Committee agreed the draft vision, objectives and outcomes attached at **Appendix B** should go out to consultation at its meeting on 19 September 2018.
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3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Committee is asked to consider and review the draft vision, objectives and outcomes attached at **Appendix B**. Any changes and comments will be considered by this Committee in November alongside all other consultation results.
- 3.2 The Committee is asked to consider **Appendix B** in its entirety rather than through the lens of its terms of reference. The review by the Committee is part of the consultation timetable agreed by Policy and Resources Committee.
- 3.3 The Committee could choose not to comment on **Appendix B**. However, in doing so they would miss an opportunity to influence the Strategic Plan's development.
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4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider and review Appendix B and submit its feedback as the part of the service committee review of the New Strategic Plan for consideration at the Policy and Resources meeting in November 2018.
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5. RISK

- 5.1 Risks associated with the delivery of the Strategic Plan will be set out in the Risk Management Framework and operationally through the service planning process.
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6. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 6.1 The draft vision, objectives and outcomes will be used to consult the public on the Council's priorities. This consultation will be linked to the statutory consultation on priorities for the annual budget. The timetable for consultation is set out in **Appendix A**.
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7. NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION

7.1 Results of the consultation will be reported to Policy and Resources Committee in November 2018, with the Medium Term Financial Strategy and Strategic Plan going to Council on 12 December 2018.

8. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	The Strategic Plan sets the Corporate Priorities	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance
Risk Management	Already covered in the risk section	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance
Financial	Financial implications of the Strategic Plan will be addressed by developing an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy in parallel with the Strategic Plan.	Section 151 Officer & Finance Team
Staffing	Creating a new strategic plan will have staffing implications for the Policy and Information Team and Leadership Team.	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance
Legal	The new Strategic Plan aligns with the Council's general duty, as a best value authority, to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness – section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999. Once approved by the Council, the Strategic Plan will enable the Council to monitor its performance against the agreed objectives.	Head of Legal partnership
Privacy and Data Protection	All data collected as part of the Strategic Plan process will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance

Equalities	Equalities will need to be taken into account when we plan the consultation and any service changes resulting from the budget	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance
Crime and Disorder	Crime and Disorder will be considered during the strategic plan process	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance
Procurement	N/A	Head of Policy, Communications and Governance

9. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Corporate Planning Timetable
- Appendix B: Draft Vision, Objectives and Outcomes
- Appendix C: Map of workshop notes to Objectives and Outcomes

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

