

REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting:	26 th February 2013
Subject:	Corporate Plan
Responsible Officer:	Tom Whiting – Assistant Chief Executive
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	ALL
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Corporate Plan Core Outcomes Equalities Impact Assessment

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report forms part of an integrated series of papers (that include the budget papers) which are to be considered by Cabinet on 14th February and Council on 28th February.

The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's strategic direction, vision and priorities for the next two years. Cabinet will have considered the plan by the time O&S meet, but it will then go on to be formally adopted by Council on 28th February.

Recommendations:

O&S are asked to comment on the Corporate Plan.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out the strategic direction for the authority, its vision, priorities and key initiatives which describe and illustrate our

programme of activity for the forthcoming two years and against which the Council is happy to be judged.

The Corporate Plan is the narrative that accompanies the budget, which will also be considered by Cabinet and Council in February. This year, the Corporate Plan runs for two years to align itself with the fact that a two year balanced budget has been put forward. It should be noted that the Corporate Plan assumes the position recommended to Cabinet with regard to Council Tax. It also reflects the feedback gathered from consultation the Council has undertaken, specifically the 'Lets Talk' stakeholder events. These consisted of two budget consultation events with our key stakeholders from the local community, voluntary, private and public sectors. These events allowed us to hear directly from our partners and gave them the opportunity to shape our budget, principles and financial plans for the future. Their ideas and help with prioritising council services contributed to the final decision-making process including the proposed increase to Council Tax.

The Plan also includes core outcomes this year. The core outcomes help to articulate more specifically where we want our emphasis to be during the next two years within each corporate priority and will help services take decisions in the commissioning and service planning process on how best to allocate and align resources. The development of the core outcomes was based on current service outcomes as defined within key current Council plans and strategies. They therefore reflect current council business rather than a fundamental change in activity. A full EQIA has been carried out on the outcomes and is attached for information.

The Plan also sets out the Council's thinking about its future shape and size; how to deliver services in collaboration with partners and residents and bringing about new relationships that has the potential to unlock major savings.

Financial Implications

The financial implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Performance Issues

The performance implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Environmental Impact

The environmental implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Risk Management Implications

The risk management implications of the Corporate Plan are set out in the Final Revenue Budget.

Equalities Implications

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out for the outcomes and is attached for information.

Corporate Priorities

The Corporate Plan sets the Council's corporate priorities. The Corporate Plan is one of the plans which must be approved by Council.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Julie Alderson



Chief Financial Officer

Date: 7th February 2013

Name: Hugh Peart



Monitoring Officer

Date: 7th February 2013\

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Corporate Plan 2012-13

Strategic Performance Report – Quarter 2

Draft Budget Paper considered at Cabinet in December 2012

Core Outcomes EQIA