
REPORT FOR: CABINET

Date of Meeting: 23 May 2017

Subject: Timetable for the Preparation and Consideration of Plans and Strategies comprising the Policy Framework

Key Decision: No

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services

Portfolio Holder: Leader of the Council

Exempt: No

Decision subject to Call-in: Yes

Wards affected: All

Enclosures: Appendix A – Timetable for Statutory Plans and Strategies
Appendix B – Timetable for Non-Statutory Plans and Strategies

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report sets out the requirements of the Council's Constitution in terms of the development of its policy framework and seeks approval to the timetable for consideration of the key Plans and Strategies comprising the Policy Framework.

Recommendations: That Cabinet

(1) approve the timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory Plans and Strategies, including the non-statutory plans and strategies, set out at Appendices A and B respectively;

(2) delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to vary the timetable;

(3) identify any additional Plans and Strategies, other than the Corporate Plan, Corporate Equalities Objectives and Corporate Parenting Strategy set out at Appendix B, which it wishes to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet and Council for approval.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To comply with the requirements of paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules set out in Section 4C of the Council's Constitution.

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

2.1.1 The Council's Constitution sets out the process for the development of the policy framework at paragraph 3 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) Regulations 2000, any approval to the following Plans and Strategies is reserved to the Council.

Plan	Status
Plans and strategies which together comprise the Development Plan	A Statutory Plan, details and timetable set out at Appendix A
Local Implementation Plan (formerly the Local Transport Plan)	A Statutory Plan, details and timetable set out at Appendix A
Community Safety Plan (formerly the Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy)	A Statutory Plan, details and timetable set out at Appendix A
Sustainable Community Strategy	The requirement for this Strategy was repealed with effect from 26 May 2015 by the Deregulation Act 2015 The current Strategy runs to 2020

Youth Justice Plan	A Statutory Plan, details and timetable are set out at Appendix A
Gambling Policy	A Statutory Plan, details and timetable set out at Appendix A

Members should note that this is not a complete list of all statutory plans and policies required in every service area but just those comprising the Policy Framework, as set out in the Council's Constitution, which must be approved by Council pursuant to the 2000 Regulations.

Under the Constitution, the Council's Corporate Plan and Equalities Objectives are also reserved to the Council. Additionally, on 14 July 2016, upon agreeing the revised Terms of Reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel, Cabinet agreed that the Corporate Parenting Strategy be submitted for consideration and approval to Cabinet and full Council. The Corporate Parenting Strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis setting out key priorities and areas of action.

The timetable for the Corporate Plan, Corporate Equalities Objectives and the Corporate Parenting Strategy are set out at Appendix B.

- 2.1.2 The Constitution requires the Executive to determine, at the start of each Municipal Year, a timetable for the preparation and consideration of the statutory plans and strategies that are required to be made in that year. A timetable is attached at Appendix A to this report and shows the meeting of the Executive which it is expected that the Plan or Strategy will be agreed for recommendation to Council, the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to which the matter is to be referred (see paragraph 2.1.3 below) and the date of the Council meeting at which the recommendation will be considered.
- 2.1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall receive any proposed Plan or Strategy comprising the Council's Policy Framework in sufficient time for the proposals to be included in the agenda for a scheduled meeting of the Committee and for it to make a report or recommendations to the meeting of the Council that is to consider the Plan or Strategy concerned. The Council shall not agree a Plan or Strategy until the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has had the opportunity, subject to the need for the statutory deadlines to be met, to consider the proposals.
- 2.1.4 On consideration of a relevant Plan or Strategy the Council may decide to:
- (a) adopt the Executive's proposals;
 - (b) amend the Executive's proposals;
 - (c) refer the proposals back to the Executive for further consideration;
 - (d) substitute its own proposals in their place.

If the Council decides to adopt the Executive's proposals, that decision becomes effective immediately. If the Council decides to amend, refer back or substitute the proposals that decision shall come into effect after 5 clear working days from the day on which the Council meeting makes its decision.

If, however, the Plan or Strategy has been amended or substituted, and before the expiry of the 5 clear working days period, the Leader of the Council may give notice to the Director of Legal and Governance Services that s/he objects to some or all of the amendments made by the Council. In these circumstances the matter shall be referred to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive.

The Executive may agree the proposals of the Council, reaffirm its original proposals, or make further amendments. The decision of the Executive shall then be referred back to the Council. The Council can agree the proposals of the Executive or amend the proposals. The decision made by the Council then becomes effective immediately.

2.1.5 Members should note that when the Council approves a Plan or Strategy it will also specify the extent of variation within the Plan or Strategy that may be undertaken by the Executive in accordance with paragraph 7 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. Other than in accordance with the procedure for urgent matters set out at paragraph 5 of the Rules, the Executive may only make such other changes to a Plan or Strategy as have been agreed by the Council.

2.1.6 Once the Council has determined a Plan or Strategy the Executive shall publish information on the contents of the Plan or Strategy. The Plan or Strategy shall also be made available for public inspection and be included on the Council's website, with copies available at a reasonable cost.

Options considered

There were no options to be considered.

Legal Implications/Financial Implications

There are no financial or legal implications other than those mentioned in the main body of the report.

Performance Issues

This report has no direct impact on any performance indicators. The effects of individual plans and strategies will be addressed in the respective reports.

Environmental Impact

There are no environmental impact issues associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

Failure to publish the Plans may result in the Council failing to meet its statutory obligations.

Equalities implications / Public Sector Equality Duty

There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

Corporate Priorities

The impacts on delivery of the Corporate Priorities will be addressed in the reports on the individual plans and strategies. This report has no direct effect on the Corporate Priorities.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Sharon Daniels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 24 April 2017		
Name: Caroline Eccles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 12 May 2017		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO, as it impacts on all Wards
EqIA carried out:	NO
EqIA cleared by:	N/A

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

Contact:

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Background Papers:

Council's Constitution

<http://www.harrow.gov.uk/www2/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1092&MId=62460&Ver=4&Info=1>

**Call-In Waived by the
Chair of Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

NOT APPLICABLE

[Call-in applies]