

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

CABINET

23 NOVEMBER 2017

CORPORATE PLAN 2017-21

Report of: Daljit Lally, Chief Executive

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nick Oliver, Cabinet Secretary and Corporate Services

Purpose of report

To seek Cabinet endorsement to the draft Corporate Plan 2017-21 as the basis for informing the preparation of the forthcoming Medium Term Financial Plan

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to endorse the draft Corporate Plan 2017-21 as the basis for informing the preparation of the forthcoming Medium Term Financial Plan

Key Issues

The Corporate Plan is the Council's main strategic planning document, providing a framework for the delivery of all services. It is a clear statement of the Council's vision, strategic aims and policy priorities for the next four years.

It informs both the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the subsequent preparation of Service Statements against these that the Council's performance service by service will be measured.

The attached document represents a final draft and as such, is still liable to change subject to the budget setting process and any feedback received through the Council's various consultative mechanisms. The final version will be presented to full Council in February 2018 - together with the final Medium Term Financial Plan - for approval.

BACKGROUND

1. The Corporate Plan is the Council's main strategic planning document, providing a framework for the delivery of all services. It is a clear statement of the Council's vision, strategic aims and policy priorities for the next four years. As such, it focuses on strategic outcomes.
2. It informs the Medium Term Financial Strategy and as such is intended to help in considering competing pressures, understand the links between them and to establish a shared understanding amongst Members and officers of the priorities going forward. Its aim, therefore, is to prioritise those areas of activity on which the Council will focus its attentions over the next four years. This is obviously particularly challenging within the current budgetary constraints.
3. It also informs the subsequent preparation of Service Statements which set out a detailed delivery framework for each Council Service, having taken account of the Medium Term Financial Plan. It is against these that the Council's performance will be measured.
4. The attached document represents a final draft and as such, is still liable to change subject to the budget setting process and any feedback received through the Council's various consultative mechanisms. Its content will be kept under review until February 2018 when the final version will be presented to full Council - together with the final Medium Term Financial Plan - for approval.
5. On this basis, the content of the Corporate Plan will be outlined as part of the Council's consultation on the emerging budget strategy. This will include consideration by the Local Area Councils and the engagement of town and parish councils.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy	The Corporate Plan will steer the strategic direction of the Council for the term of the current Administration
Finance and value for money	The Corporate Plan will significantly inform the subsequent preparation of the Medium Term Financial Plan
Legal	n/a
Procurement	n/a
Human Resources	n/a
Property	n/a
Equalities	(Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No X N/A <input type="checkbox"/> The Corporate Plan outlines the Council's approach to supporting individuals who are discriminated against, are more vulnerable, or feel disadvantaged.
Risk Assessment	n/a
Crime & Disorder	The Corporate Plan confirms that a fundamental objective of the Council is to ensure that all individuals and communities feel safe.
Customer Consideration	The content of the Corporate Plan will be outlined as part of the Council's consultation on its emerging budget strategy.
Carbon reduction	The Corporate Plan confirms that the promotion of carbon reduction remains an objective of the Council
Wards	ALL

Background papers:

None

Report sign off

	initials
Finance Officer	AE
Monitoring Officer/Legal	LH
Human Resources	KA
Procurement	TP
I.T.	NA
Executive Director	DL
Portfolio Holder(s)	NO

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