

POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Regeneration and Development Panel		
DATE:	10 September 2019		
TITLE:	Corporate Business Plan 2020-2024		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Monitoring		
PORTFOLIO(S):	Performance		
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OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FUTURE CABINET REPORT:	Yes

REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE

PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:
<p>The Corporate Business Plan sets the broad framework for the council's work over the next four years. Following the borough elections, it is timely to review the four year plan and this report sets out the indicative process and timetable and a high level view of proposed priorities and objectives for the panel to consider.</p>
KEY ISSUES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Corporate Business Plan ends in 2019/20. • Member induction identified a range of potential issues. • Initial draft priorities and objectives developed for member consideration. • More detailed plan to be developed for consideration by the scrutiny panels.
OPTIONS CONSIDERED:
Not applicable.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
<p>The Panel is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider the draft priorities and objectives in Appendix A.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:
To progress the development of the council's Corporate Business Plan.

1. Developing the new Corporate Business Plan

1.1 The Corporate Business Plan sets the broad framework for the council's work over the next four years. The current plan was developed at a time when the council faced severe financial challenges as the government continued with its austerity approach to addressing the nation's financial deficit. It also sought to enhance the economic and social prosperity of west Norfolk. The current plan has the following priorities:

1. Provide important local services within our available resources
2. Drive local economic and housing growth
3. Work with our communities to ensure they remain clean and safe
4. Celebrate our local heritage and culture
5. Stand up for local interests within our region
6. Work with our partners on important services for the borough

1.2 These priorities were further defined in 18 objectives and reflected in directorate and service plans and individual objectives set during staff appraisals. Monitoring reports are provided to Management Team and the Corporate Performance Panel and quarterly updates on performance indicators are provided to the three scrutiny panels.

1.3 A variety of potential priorities were identified during the member induction programme. Management Team and Cabinet have begun to shape these into high level priorities and objectives and seek wider member engagement in the development of the corporate business plan. The outline plan is at Appendix A.

2. Indicative process and timetable for developing the Corporate Business Plan

2.1 The indicative timetable below sets out 2 rounds of consultation with the scrutiny panels:

Consultation on <i>outline</i> plan with scrutiny panels	E&C – 3 September 2019 CPP – 9 September 2019 R&D – 10 September 2019
Consultation on <i>more detailed revised plan</i> with scrutiny panels	E&C – 15 October 2019 CPP – 21 October 2019 R&D – 29 October 2019
Cabinet consideration and approval	12 November 2019
Council approval	28 November 2019
Dissemination	January 2020

2.2 The first cycle of consultation will focus on the broad priorities and objectives for the council. The output from those discussions will be used to develop a more detailed draft plan to be considered in the second cycle of meetings in October 2019.

3. Issues for the panel to consider

3.1 It is proposed that the panel breaks into groups facilitated by officers. The notes from each of the panels will be used to further refine the priorities and objectives and, with support from service managers, develop a more detailed plan. The more detailed draft plan will be brought to panels in the following cycle of meetings.

4. Corporate priorities

The Corporate Business Plan sets the broad framework for the council's work over the next four years and corporate priorities.

5. Financial implications

None

6. Any other implications/risks

None

7. Equal opportunity considerations

None

8. Consultation

Management Team, senior managers and portfolio holders.

9. Conclusion

The Corporate Business Plan is actively monitored and reported to Management Team and Corporate Performance Panel. Following the borough elections, it is timely to review the four year plan. Members should use the report to consider the council's future priorities and objectives. A more detailed draft plan will be brought to the panel.

10. Background papers

Corporate Business Plan 2015/16 – 2019/20

Appendix A – Draft Corporate Business Plan (outline plan)

Our vision

West Norfolk is a place where businesses and people can flourish; where communities are active and healthy; where residents and visitors can access fulfilling cultural, leisure and sporting activities; and where a good quality of life and environment are available to all.

As part of our vision, the council is committed to ensuring equality for all residents of and visitors to west Norfolk, and to its employees.

Our priorities and objectives

1. Focusing on delivery

- a) Delivery of value for money services.
- b) Enhancing governance.
- c) Ensuring the council's financial sustainability.

2. Delivering growth in the economy and with local housing

- a) Promote the borough as a vibrant place in which to live, to do business and as a leading visitor and cultural destination.
- b) Develop and facilitate the range and quality of business premises available.
- c) Promote, lobby and support infrastructure improvements across the district.
- d) Increase the supply of suitable housing in appropriate locations.

3. Protecting and enhancing the environment including tackling climate change

- a) Develop and implement the council's carbon reduction strategy and encourage our partners, communities and local businesses to reduce their environmental impact.
- b) Encourage sustainable living through our local plan and development policies.
- c) Work with partners and the community to improve our natural environment.
- d) Improve recycling levels.
- e) Support measures that protect our communities from flooding.

4. Improving social mobility and inclusion

- a) Continue to assist our residents to maximise their opportunities by accessing the support and services they are entitled to.
- b) Prevent homelessness, meet housing needs, improve housing conditions and ensure homes are accessible.
- c) Work with partners to improve education attainment levels and the skills of local people.

5. Creating and maintaining good quality places that make a positive difference to people's lives

- a) Protect, promote and enhance the borough's natural and built environment.
- b) Maintain accessible, clean, pleasant and safe public places and communities.

6. Helping to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities

- a) Provide early help support to communities and individuals who are vulnerable.
- b) Support our local communities to be healthy and more active.