

CABINET

Council Plan 2024-2027 5th December 2023

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT					
Write the Council Plan 2024-2027, following the formation of a new Cabinet earlier in the year.					
Key Decision	N	Non-Key Decision	N	Referral from Cabinet Member	N
Date of notice of forthcoming key decision	N/A				
This report is public					

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLLR PHILLIP BLACK

- (1) That Cabinet recommend that Council adopt the Council Plan 2024-2027.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the content of the Council Plan 2024-2027.
- 1.2 It should be noted that this version contains the content of the document only. Once it is approved graphic designers will assist in getting the right look and feel to the document.
- 1.3 The previous full version of the Council Plan document was published in July 2018 to cover the time period 2018-2022 and known as the Council "Ambitions".
- 1.4 The draft Council Plan 2024-2027 is based on the priorities previously agreed by Council.

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The Council Plan 2024-2027 is considered to be a key pillar for achieving the Council's strategic goals, but it is recognised that a written plan will not

guarantee the delivery of ambitious strategic goals for the local environment, economy, communities and the Council.

2.2 The structure of the Council Plan 2024-2027 and the proposed elements of the plan are described below:

- Financial Context: providing the reader with information on the financial climate in which the Council is operating.
- Values and Culture: the internal values and culture the Council has adopted, to ensure a working environment conducive to successful delivery of services.
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): the ways in which the Principles and Ambitions contribute to each of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, reflecting the Council's commitment to achieving these locally
- Principles: the ways in which all the Council's activities will be shaped by specific ideas and ways of working
- Four Themes: each with 6 Ambitions.
 - 1. The Climate Emergency
 - 2. Community Wealth Building
 - 3. Increasing Wellbeing. Reducing Inequality
 - 4. Deliver Effective Services, Take Responsibility.
- Ambitions: 24 statements, 6 within each theme, covering the Council's key aims for the district's environment, economy, communities and the Council services themselves.
- Projects and Activities: the work which will be undertaken, by the Council and its partners, to deliver the Principles and Ambitions.
- Achievements so far: examples of our recent achievements

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 Portfolio Holders have worked with Officers to produce the Council Plan 2024-2027.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

	Option 1: Refer the Council Plan 2024-2027 to Council for adoption	Option 2: Take no action
Advantages	An up-to-date articulation of the Council's priorities will have been considered by the Council, with opportunity for valuable comment and feedback. If adopted, subsequent strategic and financial decisions will be based on the most up-to-date ideas of Cabinet.	No specific advantages are identified for this option; if no action is taken, the Policy Framework would continue to be represented by the Priorities agreed in December 2021.
Disadvantages	No specific disadvantages are identified for this option.	The Council must have a Council Plan in place.
Risks	None identified.	The development and delivery of strategic priorities may be compromised by this option.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

5.1 The recommended option is to proceed with referring the Council Plan 2024-2027 to Council (Option 1).

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 The report provides details of the reasons for creating the Council Plan 2024-2027 and outlines the content of the document. Adoption will enable the Council to move forward and provide direction for its Principles and Ambitions.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Council Plan 2024-2027 would form the heart of the Council's Policy Framework, informing its strategic and financial decision-making.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, HR, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Whilst the adoption of a strategic plan would have a substantial impact on many of the Council's future activities, the content of Our Council Plan 2024-2027 at this stage does not have a direct impact.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No legal implications arising directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No financial implications arising directly from this report.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**Human Resources:**

No HR implications arising directly from this report.

Information Services:

No ICT implications arising directly from this report.

Property:

No property implications arising directly from this report.

Open Spaces:

No open spaces implications arising directly from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Section 151 insert comments here prior to Management Team

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Monitoring Officer insert comments here prior to Management Team

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A: The Council Plan 2024-2027

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