

Corporate Plan 2009/10

18th May 2009

Report of Council Business Committee

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Council's formal approval of the 2009/10 Corporate Plan.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Council approves the 2009/10 Corporate Plan attached as Appendix A amended as appropriate.**
- (2) That Council agrees to delegate the consideration of any further amendments to the Corporate Plan to Council Business Committee prior to referral to full Council for formal approval.**
- (3) That Council agrees that, as part of the annual Corporate Plan approval process, Cabinet be required to meet shortly after the Annual Business Council meeting to consider the Corporate Plan with a view to agreeing Cabinet portfolios that are clear, focused and transparent in delivering the Council's corporate priorities and objectives.**

1.0 Introduction

1.1 On 4th February 2009 Council received and noted the progress that was being made in developing the 2009/10 Corporate Plan and agreed (Minute 102 refers):-

- (1) That the current version of the Corporate Plan, attached at Appendix B to the report, be approved.
- (2) That the remaining outstanding sections of the Plan be completed accordingly and referred to the Council's Business Committee for further consideration prior to Council formally signing off the Plan.

1.2 In particular the outstanding sections were :-

- Foreword - to be prepared and signed off by the Leader and Chief Executive
- Vision , Role, Values...
- Key Targets for each Objective
- Key Actions and related projects for each objective
- Corporate Health Indicators

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 At its meetings on 12th March and 23rd April 2009 therefore, Council Business Committee considered progress reports on developing the outstanding sections of the Council's 2009/10 Corporate Plan.

2.2 On 23rd April 2009, the Committee considered the latest draft of the Corporate Plan, attached as **Appendix A**, and noted that there were still some outstanding KPIs. The Committee resolved:

- (1) That the draft Corporate Plan for 2009/10 as amended be referred to Council for approval.
- (2) That any further minor textual changes and inclusion of outstanding KPIs be delegated to the Corporate Director (Finance and Performance) in conjunction with the Chairman of Council Business Committee and that any amendments be identified and highlighted.
- (3) That as part of the annual Corporate Plan approval process, Cabinet be required to meet shortly after the Annual Business Council meeting to consider the Corporate Plan with a view to agreeing Cabinet portfolios that are clear, focused and transparent in delivering the Council's corporate priorities and objectives.
- (4) That Council delegate the consideration of any further amendments to the Corporate Plan to Council Business Committee prior to referral to full Council for formal approval.

2.3 The Council Business Committee's recommendations reflect the fact that the current version of the Plan is still incomplete. The recommendations allowed for further work to be undertaken in the period following the Council Business Committee meeting and this council meeting. Any changes resulting from this to the Corporate Plan that was considered by the committee are tracked in the attached updated version but it should be noted that there are still sections to complete. This is due to a range of issues outside the control of the Council, in particular :-

- the need to include all National Performance Indicators applicable to district councils, some of which are still under development
- the need to include local targets that contribute to the Lancashire Local Area Agreement, which is currently being updated.
- the need to include targets that contribute to delivering the Local Strategic Partnership's Thematic Group action plans, some of which are still incomplete
- the need to reflect that the Corporate Plan is a 3 year plan and some actions may not be implemented in year 1 and so not be fully developed

As a consequence, the Committee request Council to approve the current version of the Corporate Plan but note that further changes will be made during the year. The Committee further recommend that initial consideration of any changes should be referred to the Council's Business Committee in the first instance prior to referral to full council for approval.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 There has been extensive consultation throughout the district during the preparation of the Sustainable Community Strategy and a further limited consultation on the priorities and objectives set out in the draft Corporate Plan.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 The Council is required to approve its Corporate Plan each year as part of its Budget and Policy Framework. The Corporate Plan needs to take account of the district wide priorities and objectives that are included in its Sustainable Community Strategy and the latest version of the Plan reflects this. The agreed timetable requires this Council meeting to formally approve the Corporate Plan for 2009/10.

4.2 **Option 1** is to approve the draft Corporate Plan attached as **Appendix A** plus any additional recommendations developed in accordance with the Council Business Committee's minute set out above in paragraph 2.2

4.3 **Option 2** is to approve an amended version.

4.4 The preferred option is **Option 1**. This version is consistent with the outcomes from the consultation exercises undertaken by the Council and also the budget approved by Council at its meeting on 4th March 2009. It also includes the recommendations from the Council's Business Committee who have considered the objectives and targets in detail.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 Council is requested to approve the 2009/10 Corporate Plan as presented to meet its statutory obligations under the Budget and Policy Framework requirements. It presents a range of priorities that reflect public consultation and the allocation of resources to deliver them.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

The Corporate Plan is a key document within the Council's Policy Framework and sets out the key service delivery priorities and outcomes for the forthcoming 3 years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Corporate Plan brings together all the Council's key priorities and objectives and its content drives the allocation of the resources that are included in the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme together with Service Business Plans over the next 3 years. As such the current and future years budgets should be built around the Corporate Plan and any changes would need to be built in as part of the revised and future year's budget processes. There is, however, still the need to address some budget allocations for the current year, as services develop their business plans in line with the Corporate Plan.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and no legal implications have been identified.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Agenda and minutes of Council 4th February 09.
Agenda and Minutes of Council Business
Committee 12th March and 23rd April 2009.

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