

**Council Plan 2024-2027
13th December 2023**

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request Council adopts its plan for 2024-2027.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CLLR PHILLIP BLACK

- (1) That Council adopts the Council Plan 2024-2027 as recommended by Cabinet.

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. 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 adopted in July 2018 and known as the Council "Ambitions".
- 1.4 In January 2020, a new set of 'Priorities' were agreed and replaced those in the previous Ambitions document.
- 1.5 Action on Climate Change was a new Priority. This was reconfirmed in December 2021.
- 1.6 Priority policies within the Council Plan 2024-2027 were agreed following the formation of our new Cabinet.
- 1.7 The local government association (LGA) worked with Cabinet to develop the refreshed priority list to inform the new Council Plan.
- 1.8 Cabinet on 5th Dec 2023 made the following resolution-

Resolved unanimously:

- (1) That Cabinet recommend that Council adopt the Council Plan 2024-2027 with the revision to 2.4 Investment and Regeneration: *Encouraging tourism and promoting our district as an attractive destination for leisure and culture.*

2.0 Proposal Details

- 2.1 The adoption of the Council Plan 2024-2027 will enable the council to work towards clearly defined strategic ambitions.
- 2.2 The Council Plan 2024-2027 will 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.
- 2.3 The structure of the Council Plan 2024-2027 and the 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: Adopt the Council Plan 2024-2027.	Option 2: Do not adopt the Council Plan 2024 – 2027.
Advantages	If adopted, subsequent strategic and financial planning and decision making will take place based on the most up-to-date ideas of Cabinet and council officers as detailed in the Council Plan 2024-2027.	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. The existing framework will be out of date and lack detail and accountability.
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 the full adoption of the Council Plan 2024-2027 (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.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, 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 the 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. The Financial Context is summarised within the Council Plan 2024-2027.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources, Information Services, Property, Open Spaces

No implications arising directly from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

Although there are no financial implications directly arising from this report, further decisions that will need to be made will undoubtedly carry budgetary pressures. Those will need to be considered on their own merits and built into the Council's future budgets projections at the appropriate time.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Council Plan forms part of the Policy Framework which is a legal requirement for the Council, to be decided by Full Council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A: The Council Plan 2024-2027
Appendix B: Glossary of terms
Appendix C: Priority Policies 2023

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