



AGENDA ITEM: 15

CABINET: 17 January 2012

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
2 February 2012**

COUNCIL: 29 February 2012

Report of: Managing Directors

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor D Westley

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SUBJECT: BUSINESS PLAN – 2012/13 REFRESH

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the “Business Plan 2012/13 Refresh” (Appendix A).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

2.1 That the “Business Plan 2012/13 Refresh” (Appendix A) be approved and adopted by Council.

2.2 That authority be given to the Managing Director (Transformation) to make any final amendments to the document, prior to publication.

2.3 That call-in is not appropriate for this item, as the report is being submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 February 2012.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

3.1 That the Committee consider the “Business Plan 2012/13 Refresh” at Appendix A to the report and agreed comments to be considered by Council on 29 February 2012.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 4.1 That the “Business Plan 2012/13 Refresh” at Appendix A to the report be adopted.
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5.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 In early 2011, with the support of senior officers, the Business Plan Working Group developed a strategy, the aim of which was to deliver a managed approach to balancing the budget whilst delivering the Council aims over the next four years. The Council adopted this Business Plan 2011/15 in April 2011.
- 5.2 The Business Plan 2011/15 set out the Council’s strategy to deliver its priorities and the savings that it must over a four-year period.
- 5.3 Excellent progress has been made in 2011 and the Business Plan has now been refreshed to reflect refinements in Members’ aspirations and priorities. The amended version, “Business Plan 2012/13 Refresh”, is attached at Appendix A to this report.
- 5.4 Progress against the Business Plan Delivery Plan is reported through Members Updates. This shows both the progress that was made in 2011/12 and demonstrating how projects within the workstreams will be taken forward in the future.
- 5.5 The Council’s vision, values and priorities have been updated to provide a greater strategic focus. The new Joint Managing Directors’ approach to delivering the Business Plan is now outlined within it, as is information about the budget and the budget strategy.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 6.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The draft Business Plan appended to this report will ensure the Council is able to continue to pursue its objectives, within the resources available. It sets out a range of ways in which efficiency savings, income and cost reductions might be achieved in the future.
- 7.2 Officer time will continue to be required throughout the process of refining and delivering the Business Plan.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The development of the Business Plan and associated processes mitigates against the risks that the Council will not deliver its aspirations within a balanced budget.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There is a direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. However, specific EIAs will be carried out as a consequence of more detailed strategic decisions being made.

Appendices

Appendix A: "Business Plan 2012-13 Refresh" (version dated November 2011)(Revised for Council, Copy circulated to Cabinet & Exec O&S available on ColnS via the Council's website)

Appendix B: Business Plan 2011-15

Appendix C: Minute of Cabinet - 17 January 2012 (Executive O&S and Council only)

Appendix D: Minute of Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 2 February 2012 (Council only)