



COUNCIL: 18 JULY 2018

Report of: Director of Housing and Inclusion Services

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 2.1 That the Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18 (attached at Appendix 1) be approved.
- 2.2 That authority is given to the Director of Housing and Inclusion Services in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder to make any minor final amendments to the document, prior to publication.
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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In October 2015, the Council formally approved a Council Plan 2015-18. The purpose was to deliver the Council's priorities, communicate its direction with the public and stakeholders including staff, and to support transparency and accountability. Having a clear statement of corporate priorities also assists effective planning within Services and is recognised good practice.
- 3.2 The Plan has been refreshed annually. The Council Plan Annual Report attached as Appendix 1 provides a summary of the progress against implementing the refresh of the plan agreed in April 2017 for 2017/18. Many of the actions have been the subject of detailed individual reports to committees as well as a six-month progress report being provided through a Members Update.

- 3.3 Overall the Council has made good progress in achieving the priorities of the plan. The annual report also contains the annual outturn against the Council's Corporate Performance Suite. The suite highlights performance in key areas of Council service and is aligned to the priorities and actions of the plan. The outturn shows that despite the challenges around resources the Council continues to maintain a good level of performance against targets in most areas.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The priorities and key projects set out in the Council Plan should contribute to the sustainability of services and the borough as a whole.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18 appended to this report demonstrates the Council's pursuit of its objectives, within the resources available, and includes a statement on its financial performance.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The development and monitoring of a strategic plan and associated processes mitigates the risks that the Council will not deliver its aspirations within a balanced budget. It is essential to the effective management of the Council that sufficient time and consideration is given to the council planning process. Having a clear plan allows attention and resources to be effectively focused on achieving the Council's priorities and strong and effective performance management arrangements are in place to support this.

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

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Council Plan Annual Report 2017/18