



CABINET: 14 MARCH 2017
EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 30 MARCH 2017
COUNCIL: 26 APRIL 2017

Report of: Chief Executive

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor I Moran

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL PLAN 2017-18

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the "Council Plan 2017-18" (Appendix A).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

- 2.1 That the "Council Plan 2017-18" attached as Appendix A to this report be approved and referred to Council for adoption.
- 2.2 That authority is given to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader 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 30 March 2017.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 3.1 That the "Council Plan 2017-18" attached at Appendix A to the report be considered and that agreed comments be referred to Council on 26 April 2017 for consideration.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 4.1 That the "Council Plan 2017-18" attached at Appendix A to the report be adopted.
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5.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

- 5.1 In April 2016, Council adopted the second year of the 2015-18 Council Plan. This set out the Council's vision, values and priorities, together with key projects for 2016/17. The Plan enabled the Council to communicate its direction with the public, stakeholders and staff, and supports transparency and accountability. Having a clear statement of corporate priorities also assists effective planning within Services, informs the development of staff work programmes and annual development appraisals, and is recognised good practice.
- 5.2 The draft 2017/18 Plan attached at Appendix A refreshes the 2015-18 Council Plan for its final year to provide the Council's strategy actions and key measures for the 2017/18 year.
- 5.3 Progress against the Council Plan will be monitored with six-month reports provided through Members Updates against a detailed delivery plan, and a full Annual Report to Council.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 6.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. The report has various links to the Sustainable Community Strategy through the wide range of actions contained within it. The vision, values, priorities and key projects set out in Appendix A should contribute to the sustainability of services and the borough as a whole.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Council Plan 2017/18 appended to this report will ensure the Council is able to continue to pursue its objectives, within the resources available. An agreed Council Plan for 2017/2018 will assist in shaping budget decisions and enable clear priorities to be set for services.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 The difficult financial position facing Councils, together with changing legislative requirements and the regional agenda, means that having a clear statement of Council priorities is particularly important. By having well-defined priorities, attention and resources can be effectively focussed on achieving the Council's core objectives.

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. Therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal

equality impact assessment is attached as an Appendix to this report, the results of which have been taken into account in the Recommendations contained within this report.

Appendices

Appendix A: "Council Plan 2017-18" (version dated 20.02.17)

Appendix B: Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix C: Minute of Cabinet 14 March 2017 (Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee only) – to follow

Appendix D – Minute of Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee 30 March 2017 (Council only) – to follow