

Report to: Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of Meeting 16th September 2021

Document classification: Part A Public Document

Exemption applied: None

Review date for release N/A

Council Plan 2021-2023

Report summary:

This report provides an updated draft of the new Council Plan for 2021-2023

Recommendation:

That the committee consider this draft of the new council Plan 2021-2023 and provide feedback on it including that of the priorities and actions before it proceeds to Cabinet and Council in October.

Reason for recommendation:

To assist with the ongoing development of our new Council Plan

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implications requiring comment.

Legal implications:

There are no direct legal implications requiring comment.

Equalities impact Low Impact

If choosing High or Medium level outline the equality considerations here, which should include any particular adverse impact on people with protected characteristics and actions to mitigate these. Link to an equalities impact assessment form using the [equalities form template](#).

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk; A failure to have a robust Council Plan would impact on the strategic planning for our services

Links to background information:

- [Appendix A – Draft Council Plan 2021](#)
- [Appendix B – Priority actions spreadsheet](#)
- [Appendix C – Full draft of the outcome of the Planning workshops](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
- Outstanding Homes and Communities
- Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
- Outstanding Council and Council Services

Report in full

The council plan sets out the strategic direction of the council over the next few years. The plan looks at our priorities and actions to guide the effective use of all council resources.

The council plan workshops in April and May gave an opportunity for all councillors to put forward ideas and suggestions for priorities and actions for the new council plan. Following this work all of the actions put forward were collated onto a spreadsheet which aimed to review each action by cost, timescale and priority. Each action was assessed and costed by the Service Leads working with their portfolio holders. The actions were then grouped into priority categories one to three, which was then reviewed at a joint cabinet and SMT+ meeting. See [Appendix B – Priority actions spreadsheet](#) for more information.

A draft copy of the council plan has been pulled together using the outcome document from the workshops, the category one actions from the spreadsheet and the Cabinet project priorities from the £500k fund.

This draft has been submitted for consideration by the joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee before it progresses to Cabinet and Council in October as per the timetable set out below.

Political process for adoption of the new Council Plan:

Step	Start	Finish
Statement of Intent	November 2020	December 2020
First Draft Council Plan	January 2021	
Cabinet/SMT+ Consideration	February 2021	March 2021
Member Workshops and Public Engagement	March 2021	May 2021
Priority actions costing and review work	June 2021	July 2021
Informal Cabinet	23 August 2021	

Overview/Scrutiny Committee	16 September 2021	
Cabinet adoption	6 October 2021	
Council adoption	20 October 2021	
Final Version of Plan Published	October 2021	