

Report of the Leader of the Council

Corporate Plan 2024-20291. Purpose of Report

To invite Cabinet to consider and approve the Council's Corporate Plan for 2024 - 2029.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RECOMMEND that full Council adopts the Corporate Plan set out in the Appendix.

3. Detail

Immediately following the Borough Council election, a Borough wide survey was launched seeking the views of local residents about which priorities the Council should pursue in its next Corporate Plan period. 820 responses were received to the survey – compared to 527 in 2019. 716 responses were online and 104 were on paper. In addition, Senior Council Officers and local Councillors held drop in events at six different places in Broxtowe. 97 people attended the public roadshow events. The results of public feedback and public support for the Council's proposed plan priorities informed a report to Policy Overview Working group in November 2023.

The Members of the Policy Overview Working Group had input to the draft emerging priorities and objectives and this resulted in:

- Strengthening the reference to Council owned homes in the housing section and the fact that homes we build should be lifetime, energy efficient homes
- Emphasising co-production in the development of future strategy
- Including references to shoplifting and tackling illegal use of nitrous oxide within community safety
- Introduction of a discrete section on communication and engagement
- Emphasising that events contribute to a strong sense of community.

Officers of the Council have also been consulted. Their input also helped to refine the draft, for example reshaping the housing section into three distinct sections to reflect the different areas of our housing revenue account; our own asset management and management of private sector housing; to ensure the inclusion of the UKSPF fund reference; to shape the wording of our future investment in parks and open spaces and in ensuring the plan included reference to flood resilience.

Cabinet considered the Officer and Member Working Group views in a report in December 2023, which contained a set of draft priorities and objectives.

Members suggested that further emphasis be given to the prevention of abuse of shop employees and the establishment of dementia cafes throughout the Borough. This amendment has been incorporated into the final draft version for consideration of Cabinet at **Appendix**.

4. Key Decision

This report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 as it impacts on all wards within the Borough.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

This applies where a policy has been through pre-scrutiny or Policy Overview Working Group.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

Whilst there are no direct and immediate financial implications arising from this report, the Corporate Plan priorities will drive the Council's use of financial and other resources in the delivery of its services.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report, although it is not a legal requirement to have a Corporate plan it is best practice for the Council to have one as it shows its ambitions and priorities as an organisation over the next four years. The Council has engaged with residents and stakeholders that has shaped the outcome of the Plan.

8. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable

9. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable

10. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is a change to policy / a new policy an equality impact assessment is included in the appendix to this report.

13. Background Papers

Nil.