
DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2007-2008

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces an updated Corporate Plan for Members' consideration and approval.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Until about 2001, the Council produced a Corporate Plan annually. However, with the introduction of the statutory requirement to prepare an annual Best Value Performance Plan each June, it was decided to focus specifically on the latter, as the two documents seemed similar in a number of aspects.
- 2.2 The CPA report in September 2004 highlighted the absence of an up-to-date and regularly reviewed Corporate Plan as a weakness of the Authority. Consequently, the production of a new Corporate Plan formed a key element of the Council's agreed CPA Improvement Plan and last year a new Corporate Plan was introduced.
- 2.3 This has now been revised in the light of the budget decisions for 2007/2008 and beyond, and the information outlined in the Performance Plan, which has also been updated and is before Members tonight.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 A copy of the new Corporate Plan is appended. The Plan brings together the Council's main strategic priorities; it picks up any key elements from the Performance Plan and includes the main aspects of the 2007/2008 budget. None of the information contained within it is new as such; it has simply now been brought together in one key main reference document. Subject to Member agreement, the plan will be one of the main reference documents for the Council and will continue to be reviewed and updated on an annual basis, in line with the budget process.
- 3.2 The Corporate Plan is seen very much as a working document which, along with the Performance Plan, explains what the Council is about, what it is focusing on and what it is aiming to do over a period. The Plan is seen as a key element in cementing linkages between service planning and the budget process.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The content of the Corporate Plan is in line with the decisions taken as part of the budget process and its production is funded from the Chief Executive's budget head.

- 4.2 As with the Performance Plan, the preparation of this plan impacts upon and will continue to require senior officer time as it is produced and reviewed.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES**, subject to Members' consideration and comments, to approve the Council's Corporate Plan for 2007/2008.

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Background Papers:-

None

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