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## **DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2014**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report introduces a revised Corporate Plan for the Council to consider and, subject to any comments, approve.

### **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 However, since 2006, the Council has re-introduced the production of the Corporate Plan as a key document to be reviewed on an annual basis. The format and content around the Corporate Plan continues to be reviewed and updated since its re-introduction and the latest draft plan attempts to build on the format and content of the 2008-2013 Corporate Plan. It also takes into account comments received as part of our CPA re-inspection last summer.
- 2.3 The draft before Members tonight reflects the decisions taken as part of the 2009/2010 budget process and the content of the Council's Key Plans and Actions Report. It also absorbs and updates information contained in last year's Vision to Reality Document and information from the Sustainable Community Strategy, which is before members this evening.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 A copy of the revised Corporate Plan for this year will be sent under separate cover. The Plan brings together the Council's main priorities; it picks up the key elements from the 2009/2010 budget. None of the information contained within it is new as such; it has simply been brought together in one main reference document. Subject to Member consideration and comment, the Plan, once approved, will be one of the main reference documents for the Council.
- 3.2 The Corporate Plan is seen very much as a working document which, along with the Annual Report (which will include a look back as to our performance previously the Performance Plan and will be finalised prior to the summer recess), 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 The preparation of the Corporate 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, subject to any comments, Council **RESOLVES** that the Corporate Plan for 2009-2014 be approved.

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**Background Papers:-**

None

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