

ITEM 9

Corporate Action Plan Year 4

Report of the Leader of the Council

Recommended:

That Cabinet approves the Corporate Action Plan – Year 4 update, as shown in the Annex to the report.

SUMMARY:

- The Corporate Action Plan (CAP) runs for the lifetime of the Corporate Plan and shows in detail how the Council intends to make progress by focusing on the specific projects to be taken forward in pursuit of the Council's priorities.
- The CAP is reviewed and updated by Cabinet on an annual basis and plays an important role in enabling the allocation of resources to key projects from across the organisation.
- This report sets out proposals regarding the update for year 4.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Corporate Action Plan (CAP) is the delivery document of the Council's Corporate Plan. It shows in detail how the Council intends to make progress against its four strategic priorities of Live, Work, Enjoy and Contribute through the key projects to be taken forward over the four year period.
- 1.2 The CAP is updated on an annual basis and this report seeks Cabinet's approval of the proposed year 4 update of the CAP.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Council approved its current Corporate Plan 2015-19, 'Investing in Test Valley' in April 2015. It outlines the Council's vision and priorities for the four year period. It sets direction and provides a focus for activities and services. As a result it informs decision making and allocation of resources across the Council.
- 2.2 The Corporate Plan was developed using a robust evidence base which takes into account the views of local people, statistical information, and external influences such as government policy.
- 2.3 The Corporate Plan sets out four priority aims which focus on ensuring the Borough remains a great place to:
 - Live, where the supply of homes reflects local needs
 - Work and do business
 - Enjoy the natural and built environment
 - Contribute to and be part of a strong community

- 2.4 The Corporate Plan is underpinned by the CAP which runs for the lifetime of the plan. Each year a review is undertaken to update the CAP to ensure it continues to highlight the significant projects that the Council is taking forward in pursuit of its four corporate aims.

3 Corporate Action Plan: Review of year 3

- 3.1 The CAP currently consists of twenty-one projects with each one contributing to one or more of the priorities in the Corporate Plan. A full list of the projects that formed the CAP in year three can be accessed via the following link.
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/corporateplan>

- 3.2 Each year the Leader of the Council makes a presentation to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSCOM) to report progress made during the year. This coincides with the publication of an annual CAP report on the Council's website. This year the Leader presented the year 3 report to OSCOM in May.

- 3.3 Over the course of the first three years of the CAP a great deal of progress has been made. Some of the notable achievements during year three include:

- Delivery of the highest number of overall completions of new homes in Hampshire for four of the last five years, which includes delivery of 217 affordable homes over the last year. 14 parishes have also started developing their Neighbourhood Plans.
- The ongoing rejuvenation of Walworth Business Park, in partnership with Kier, is delivering significant inward investment with the Walworth Business Park Extension (Logistics City) and the development of the Columbus Quarter coming forward.
- A programme of important enhancements to Andover and Romsey Town Centres continues with the ongoing installation of Arches in Andover and the completion of the Bell Street enhancements in Romsey in partnership with Hampshire County Council.
- A partnership agreement with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has been agreed which will manage Fishlake Meadows, the new nature reserve in Romsey.
- As a result of having let a 30 year contract to Places for People, a £15M programme of refurbishment of leisure facilities is underway including the construction of Andover Leisure Centre which is due to open in 2019.
- Through Romsey Future good progress is being made working with partners in taking forward the action plan. Over the last year this has included the installation of new cycle parking which was chosen by local people as a priority, a new tourism website will be launching soon and the South of Town Centre master planning project has commenced.

- As part of Andover Vision, work is underway with local stakeholders on a number of projects including Town Mills Riverside and the Big Lottery Place-based Social Action programme in partnership with Unity, which was selected as one of twenty areas from across the country.
- Through the Council's corporate commitment to empower local communities this year saw 103 projects benefit from the Councillor Grants and Community Asset Fund totalling £331,819.

3.4 A full review of the progress made will be available on the Council's website following the meeting of Cabinet.

4 Corporate Action Plan: Proposed update - year four

4.1 The draft proposed update for year four is attached as an annexe to this report.

4.2 It is proposed that Cabinet considers the removal of the following projects from the CAP.

- Participate in the Test Valley Borough Council Electoral Review
- Preparing for the implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017
- Update the Council's Sustainability Strategy
- Review our Waste Strategy
- Adopt new sports facilities for Picket Twenty
- Implement the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

4.3 It is proposed that the following projects are considered by Cabinet for inclusion onto the CAP in year four.

- Prepare the evidence-base for the development of the Council's new Corporate Plan 2019-2023
- Participate in the LGA Peer Challenge
- Implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act and Innovation in housing options delivery
- Hampshire Waste Partnership Recycling Project
- New Forest Special Protection Area Mitigation Project

4.4 It is proposed the remaining 15 projects are retained on the CAP.

5 Corporate Objectives and Priorities

5.1 The CAP is the delivery document of the Council's Corporate Plan and sets out in detail how the Council will make progress across each of the four corporate priorities.

6 Consultations/Communications

- 6.1 As part of the development of the Corporate Plan, wide ranging consultations took place with local people during the summer of 2014. Local Councillors spoke to more than 1000 people right across the Borough to ask them what issues were important to them and what the Council should focus on for the four years 2015-19.
- 6.2 Many of the CAP projects are outward facing in their nature and as a result the Council engages with the community on a regular basis through these projects where it is appropriate to do so.

7 Options

- 7.1 The options facing the Cabinet are to approve the update of the CAP, make amendments or to decide not to approve.

8 Risk Management

- 8.1 An evaluation of the risks associated with the matters in this report indicate that a further risk assessment is not needed because the issues covered have previously been considered by Councillors at the Cabinet Meeting 11 March 2015 under Item 13 – Adoption of a New Corporate Plan for 2015-19
- 8.2 Consideration of risks associated with individual projects will form part of the project management arrangements for each project.

9 Resource Implications

- 9.1 The Corporate Plan guides the allocation of resources over the lifetime of the Council. The CAP itself has no direct resourcing implications, as the individual projects that form the CAP are each scoped and delivered using the Council's project management framework

10 Legal Implications

- 10.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

11 Equality Issues

- 11.1 A separate EQIA for the Corporate Action Plan is not needed because the issues covered have previously been considered by Councillors at the Cabinet Meeting 11 March 2015 under Item 13 – Adoption of a New Corporate Plan for 2015-19.
- 11.2 An **EQIA screening** for the Corporate Plan has been completed in accordance with the Council's EQIA methodology and no potential for unlawful discrimination and/or low level or minor negative impact have been identified, therefore a full EQIA has not been carried out.

12 Other Issues

- 12.1 Community Safety – none

- 12.2 Environmental Health Issues - none
- 12.3 Sustainability and Addressing a Changing Climate - none
- 12.4 Property Issues - none
- 12.5 Wards/Communities Affected - All

13 Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 13.1 The Corporate Action Plan shows in detail how the Council intends to make progress by focusing on the projects it will take forward against each of the priorities of the Corporate Plan. As a result it informs decision making and allocation of resources across the Council.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
None			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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