

## **ITEM 11                      Annual Review of Corporate Action Plan**

Report of the Policy Manager

(Portfolio: Leader)

### **Recommended:**

- 1. That following the adoption of the new Corporate Plan, OSCOM considers its ongoing programme of lead member reviews in relation to the new priority areas.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

- The Council's most recent Corporate Plan "Doing things differently" drew to a close in April 2015. A new Corporate Plan, "Investing in Test Valley", has now been approved by Council for the period of 2015—19.
- The Corporate Plan is underpinned by a Corporate Action Plan which is updated and reported on annually and shows in detail, how the Council will make progress against each of its priorities through the delivery of a number of specific projects.
- This report will be accompanied by a presentation that the Leader of the Council will make to OSCOM. The presentation will review the last year of the 2011-15 plan and brief OSCOM on the projects coming forward in year 1 as part of the new Corporate Action Plan for 2015-19.

### **1            Introduction**

1.1    This report will provide an overview of the projects taken forward in the last year of the last plan. The report also outlines the projects coming forward in year 1 as part of the new Corporate Action Plan for 2015-19, which was approved by Cabinet in June 2015.

1.2    The contents of this report will form the basis of the presentation being made by the Leader of the Council at OSCOM.

### **2            Background**

2.1    The Corporate Plan is underpinned by a Corporate Action Plan which runs for the lifetime of the plan and is updated annually. It shows in detail how the Council will make progress against its priority aims.

2.2    Each year a review is undertaken to update the Corporate Action Plan 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 (2011-15)**

3.1 The Council's most recent Corporate Plan, "Doing things differently", came to an end in April 2015. Over the preceding four years a Corporate Action Plan was in place which set out the projects the Council would be taking forward in pursuit of its corporate aims.

3.2 Each year a review of activity has been produced and published on the Council's website.

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/howarewedoing/councilperformance/>.

3.3 A review of the final year of the most recent Corporate Action Plan will be published on the Council's website following the presentation to OSCOM which will brief councillors on the projects delivered during 2014-15.

### **4 A new Corporate Action Plan (2015-19)**

4.1 The new Corporate Plan, "Investing in Test Valley", 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

4.2 The Corporate Plan has been developed using a robust evidence base which takes into account the views of local people, statistical information, and external influences such as government policy.

4.3 Following the adoption of the Council's new Corporate Plan for 2015-19, a new Corporate Action Plan has been developed and approved by Cabinet.

4.4 Seventeen key projects form the draft Corporate Action Plan for 2015-16. Each of the projects will contribute towards one or more of the priorities that form the Corporate Plan. The Action Plan is appended to this report.

4.5 Monitoring of the Corporate Action Plan will be undertaken through the Council's performance management system. An Annual Report will be published on the Council's website to demonstrate progress against the project areas.

## 5 Conclusion

- 5.1 The Corporate Action Plan shows in detail how the Council intends to make progress by focusing on the actions 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.
- 5.2 Following the adoption of the new Corporate Plan, lead members may like to consider their onward programme of reviews in relation to the new priorities and areas being explored through the Corporate Action Plan over the next four years.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
<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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