

Update on the Progress of the Development of the Corporate Plan 2023 to 2027

Report from the Head of Strategy & Innovation

Recommended:

That Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse and note the progress made to date, in developing the new Corporate Plan for 2023 to 2027.

SUMMARY:

- This report gives an update on the actions completed to date, and those outstanding, to develop a new Corporate Plan that will be implemented in Spring 2023, to cover the four-year 2023 to 2027, at the natural end of the current Corporate Plan 2019-23, Growing Our Potential, which was adopted by Council in April 2019.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report updates members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the action completed, and outstanding work, to develop the new Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 Members were recently updated on the third year Corporate Action Plan, which runs for the four-year lifespan of the current Corporate Plan and is updated annually. The Corporate Action Plan details specific projects that enable the Council to make progress towards the ambitions set out in the Corporate Plan.
- 1.3 As the Council comes to the end of the four-year cycle of the current corporate plan, work has begun to prepare for the new plan, including extensive public engagement across the summer months, which will support members in being able to consider a wide range of evidence when developing the new plan in 2023.

2 Activities

- 2.1 After deliberation and political scrutiny, the 10-question public consultation survey was launched on 16th May 2022, on social media, accompanied by a video. The initial launch attracted members of the public to complete the survey online. This was followed by a 15-week period of public consultation, with approximately one in-person event per week, where officers and councillors were able to interact with the public, to encourage completion of the survey. In addition, focussed workshops were held with school children in 3 borough schools and with the Romsey Disabled People's partnership, to gain feedback from groups that would have otherwise been under-represented in the survey feedback.

- 2.2 The survey closed on 21st August 2022, at which point intensive analysis of the data was undertaken. Over 1550 surveys have been completed, including approximately 100 responses from the workshops. This figure is higher than the number of completed surveys required (1,100) to achieve statistical significance, and it gives a greater degree of confidence that the responses are reflective of the views of the residents of the Borough more generally.
- 2.3 The analysis of the survey responses will inform the discussions that will take place, during the next, and new, phase of public consultation, Deliberative Engagement. TVBC has partnered with The Involve Foundation, one of the UK's leading public participation organisations, for the purpose of using their expertise and knowledge to put the residents at the heart of the decision-making process, and to build upon the experience of participation in the Citizens Assembly previously. Deliberative Engagement is the process of delving deeper into issues, by posing several questions around why something has been highlighted from the lived experience of the residents of the Borough. It provides a greater understanding of people's aspirations and priorities and enables the council to involve the residents of the Borough in helping to shape future policy.
- 2.4 The Deliberative Engagement project will involve the hosting and facilitation of four workshops, involving up to 120 residents who reflect the demographic composition of the Borough, in three locations in the Borough. The recruitment phase of the participants will commence in mid to late-September, using several mediums: emails which were provided via the survey completion, general social media invitations and more focussed invitations via community groups. These workshops, to be held in October and November 2022, will take the broad themes raised in the survey responses and drill into detail and draw upon people's lived experiences. High-level analysis has been undertaken at this stage and the Head of Strategy and Innovation with the Policy Manager will update the committee on the proposed focus of these sessions on the night.
- 2.5 Once the Deliberative Engagement events have concluded, a report will be produced which will provide recommendations for further discussion and consideration, amongst Councillors and Officers, as part of the ongoing development of the Corporate Plan. This will be followed by a period of the drafting of the Corporate Plan, with the production of a number of reports and supporting documentation to the relevant committee meetings in the winter and into Spring 2023.

3 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan is due to be published in April 2023.

Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)

None

Confidentiality

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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