

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

9 MARCH 2016

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

THE COUNCIL PLAN 2016-19

SUMMARY

This report presents a draft Council Plan for 2016-19. A copy of the plan is available on the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council website agenda system detailed as Appendix 1 to this report under:

- Stockton Council
- Councillors and Council meetings (agenda)
- Council Meetings and Papers
- Council
- Wednesday, 9th March 2016

Cabinet considered this matter at its meeting held on 11 February 2016 and a copy of the relevant minute extract is attached at Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Council Plan 2016-19 is approved.
2. Delegated authority, for the agreement of targets for key performance indicators, be given to the Director of Finance & Business Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

THE COUNCIL PLAN 2016-19

1. The Council Plan sets out the overall ambitions and priorities of the Council and describes the key outcomes, objectives and activities we aim to deliver. It also identifies the key performance indicators we will use to challenge and monitor our progress. It aims to provide clarity and focus for Councillors, managers, staff, members of the public and partners about the Council's ambitions and direction of travel.
2. The contents of the Council Plan 2016-19 will be as follows:
 - i. Foreword – joint statement from the Leader and Chief Executive
 - ii. Section 1 – Vision, policy principles and culture
 - iii. Section 2 – Context and background
 - iv. Section 3 – Resources
 - v. Section 4 - Outcomes, objectives and activities
 - vi. Section 5 – Key performance indicators
 - vii. Section 6 - Outcomes, objectives and activities (by policy principle)
3. The final version of the plan will include, at Section 5, targets for the key performance indicators. Targets are being considered using the latest available outturn data and, where available, revised targets are included in the plan. However, for some indicators where year-

end data is required, Cabinet recommends to Council that delegated authority, for the agreement of targets for key performance indicators, be given to the Director of Finance & Business Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

CONSULTATION AND NEXT STEPS

4. Discussion sessions took place on the 10th and 11th February 2016, for elected members to discuss the Council Plan 2016-19 alongside the medium term financial plan arrangements.
5. Cabinet considered this matter at its meeting held on 12th February 2016 and a copy of the relevant minute extract is attached as **Appendix 2**.
6. Further work on target setting for key performance indicators continues as year-end data becomes available.
7. The Council Plan 2016-19 will be published on the Council's website following approval by Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The development of the draft Council Plan has been closely linked to the medium term financial planning process, to ensure that resources are in place to deliver the key objectives and outcomes set out in the plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

10. The development of the Council Plan is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce the risk.

A BRIGHTER BOROUGH FOR ALL – TACKLING FAMILY POVERTY ACROSS STOCKTON-ON-TEES

11. The draft Council Plan includes a range of actions that support the delivery of the Council's contribution towards delivering 'A Brighter Borough For All'.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

12. Elected members were consulted through briefings with the Group Leaders at the framework stage and via the budget drop-in sessions for all members.

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