



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Directorate: Chief Executive

Report Title	Corporate Plan 2008 - 2011
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1. Summary

1.1 To approve the Corporate Plan and Council's priorities for 2008 2011.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the outcomes of the Corporate Plan consultation detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

2.2 To adopt Corporate Plan and priorities for 2008/2011 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

3. Report Background

3.1.1 The Council agreed the Corporate Plan for 2007/ 2011 at its meeting on the 28th June 2007. The plan is reviewed on an annual basis.

3.1.2 In order to develop the Council's Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes to be achieved below each of the priorities, the Council has sought the views of local residents and stakeholders. The focus of the consultation was the Council's priorities and budget proposals for 2008/09. The results from the consultation process, attached as Appendix 2 to this report, details the consultation methodology and responses to the consultation.

3.1.3 Analysis of the feedback from the consultation sessions indicates that people's views and priorities have not changed since the last Corporate Plan was developed.

3.1.4 The consultation did not identify any major gaps in the Council's priorities. However, a number of people felt that there was insufficient detail provided under some of the priorities and lack of clarity about how these would be delivered and measured. These comments have informed the final Corporate Plan.

3.1.5 The consultation highlighted the key areas of importance under each priority. These included helping communities become cleaner, safer and greener, quality affordable housing, ensuring the council is fit for purpose, working with local businesses to improve

the operation of the town centre, consulting local people and engaging partners and communities in shaping Northampton as a place.

- 3.1.6 The Corporate Plan reflects the likely priority outcomes which are being negotiated for the second Local Area Agreement in Northamptonshire which is to be agreed in June 2008. It also incorporates the new National Indicator definitions from the Government's Performance Management Framework which comes into effect in April 2008. These indicators replace the previous statutory Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs).
- 3.1.7 It is recommended that the Corporate Plan, attached, which has been revised following consultation, be adopted as the Council's Policy Framework document for 2008 to 2011, subject to annual review.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

Financial resources are aligned through the development of the 2008/09 budget to identified priorities.

4.2 Legal

It is not a statutory requirement for the council to produce a corporate plan but is recognised best practice to communicate the council's priorities to the communities it represents. There are no specific legal implications within the plan, however, legal implications associated with any decisions which result as a consequence of implementing actions within the plan will be considered in accordance with legal and statutory requirements.

4.3 Other Implications

Equalities is a key strand of the Council's Corporate Plan and the council is committed to being as inclusive as possible in consulting on our Corporate Plan and priorities and will comply with the commitment to conduct an impact assessment on the plan as the policy framework for council policies. Consultation on the council's priorities and the outcome from that activity is detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

5. Background Papers

Corporate Plan 2007/ 2011

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