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NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report Title

CORPORATE PLAN 2018-2023

CABINET REPORT

AGENDA STATUS:

PUBLIC

Cabinet Meeting Date:	21 st February 2018
Key Decision:	NO
Within Policy:	YES
Policy Document:	YES
Directorate:	Chief Executive
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Councillor Nunn, Leader of the Council
Ward(s)	Council -wide

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report seeks the recommendation of Cabinet to Full Council of the refreshed Corporate Plan for the five years 2018 to 2023.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet recommends to Council on the 26th February 2018 that the draft Corporate Plan for 2018 to 2023 be approved, and that the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to finalise the document and publish this alongside the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan.
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3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The Council, as part of its policy and management framework adopts a corporate plan each year. This sets out the context of the future direction of the Council and commitments for action on behalf of the elected Administration.

3.1.2 The attached draft Corporate Plan is for the period 2018-2023. The attached plan outlines the key priorities that the Council has over that time period.

Northampton Alive

Safer Communities

Housing for Everyone

Protecting our Environment

Love Northampton

Working Hard and Spending your Money wisely

Improving our Governance

3.1.3 In addition the draft Corporate Plan identifies three Business Development Priorities to drive the Council's efforts to support the delivery of corporate plan commitments and manage the Council's future financial challenge.

Empowering Communities

Economic Growth

Partnership Working

3.1.4 Under each of the above priorities, commitments are made to the public of Northampton to progress these priorities.

3.2 Issues

3.2.1 The key issue for any Corporate Plan is to ensure that it encapsulates the key points of direction, priority and commitment which the Council wishes to adopt. This draft is intended to do this. It has been refreshed rather than overhauled as the priorities are still appropriate. Some minor amendments were made to bring the plan up to date which included:

- Removal of the reference to Joint Planning Committee as it is no longer relevant
- Updated figures for the forecast gap
- Removal of the free car parking offer in Northampton Alive commitments
- A continued commitment to invest in the town centre car parks
- A commitment to ensure a smooth transition to the new environmental services provider and to work with our new environmental services

contractor to raise the standard of cleanliness and maintenance across the entire town

- A change to the wording for the Museum to read: Transform the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery by significant expansion and development of the museum service.
- A commitment to continue to expand the range of partner organisations co-located in the One Stop Shop to support customers
- A commitment to monitor closely and deliver the commitments outlined in the council's efficiency plan

3.2.2 Cabinet is asked to advise if anything should be altered, whilst noting that a fuller review of the Corporate Plan will be performed prior to the start of the new financial year (2018/19). Please note that officers and members are aware of the current financial situation with NCC. and any potential impact on Northampton will be addressed in the full review of the plan.

3.2.3 The draft plan is the basis for the Council's financial plans for the next five years, showing the priorities for resource allocation and decision-making subject to actual delivery according to prevailing conditions and any changing priorities in that time.

3.3 Choices (Options)

3.3.1 Cabinet could decide to amend the attached plan and to direct officers and resources in a different direction. Cabinet are requested to advise if this is required.

3.3.2 Cabinet could decide to agree the attached plan and recommend to Council. This is the recommended option.

3.3.3 The plan is subject to final confirmation at Full Council on the 26th February.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 The draft Corporate Plan encompasses the main policy priorities of the Council and will act as the main corporate guiding document alongside the budget and individual service plans to guide officers.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The draft Corporate Plan guides the content of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the deployment of resources therein. Risks are constantly assessed in delivery and management of resources towards plan goals and commitments within the Council risk management framework.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications from this report

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 The draft Corporate Plan reflects the Council's commitment to work in an equal and non-discriminatory manner. The Council's equality strategy and monitoring underpins this commitment.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 The Leader of the Council and Corporate Management Board have been consulted on the draft Corporate Plan and individual commitments have previously been subject to a varying and wide-ranging amount of consultation.

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

4.6.1 The draft Corporate Plan represents the priorities of the Council and the outcomes which it seeks to address.

5. Background Papers

5.1 None.

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