

## **COUNCIL – 10 FEBRUARY 2012**

### **CORPORATE PLAN 2012/13 – 2016/17**

#### **Report by Assistant Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer**

#### **Introduction**

1. The Council's proposed Medium Term Corporate Plan 2012/13-2016/17 is one of the plans and strategies that forms the policy framework and requires full Council approval. The Strategy & Partnerships Scrutiny Committee submitted comments to the Cabinet, who approved the draft on 17 January 2012.
2. The report by the Leader of the Council on the Service and Resource Planning item on this agenda incorporates comments on the Plan, given the close linkage between the two items.

#### **Background**

3. The 2012/13-2016/17 plan is a fairly light touch refresh of last year's plan, though it also seeks to reflect the significant changes that have been implemented over the past 12 months. Whilst we will be continuing to deliver our front line services, within the smaller financial envelop, there are significant national policy changes which will affect the Council which will also be delivered.
4. Our ambition is to see a Thriving Oxfordshire, with key priorities of World Class Economy, Healthy and Thriving Communities, and Enhancing the Environment underpinned by Efficient Public Services. The impact of business development on the economy and how it leads to strong communities is a thread throughout the plan.
5. The Corporate Plan is split into three parts – the first summarises the Council's broad strategic direction; the second sets our Priorities for Action and the third shows how we will deliver against those priorities.
6. Many of the priorities for action identified in the Corporate Plan are about achieving a tangible improvement in outcomes as outlined below. Targets will be set where appropriate. Progress on these issues will form the basis of the regular quarterly performance reports that are provided to the Council's Cabinet and Strategy and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee. Other priorities for action are harder to measure; they seek behavioural / cultural change within the council or identify a need to respond to shifts in national policy. A qualitative assessment of progress against these issues will be provided at the end of 2012/13.

7. A summary of the key elements of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will also be included and the MTFP will form an annex to the plan.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

8. **The Cabinet RECOMMENDS Council to approve the Corporate Plan 2012/13-2016/17 subject to the inclusion of consequential and editorial changes in the text as agreed by the Chief Executive after consultation with the Leader of the Council.**

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Background Papers: Nil

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