

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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1. COUNCIL PLAN 2016-18

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Portfolio: Communications, Policy, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To present for consideration the proposed Council Plan, this will cover the period 2016/18.

Recommendations

(a) That Members approve and adopt the Council Plan for 2016-18 (Appendix A)

Reasons

The attached Council Plan 2016-18 covers the period from September 2016 – March 2018.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council Plan for 2016--18 builds on the previous version of the Plan and has two main sections and is attached in its entirety at appendix A.
- 1.2 The first section includes the foreword, vision and corporate values for the Borough Council outlined here.
- 1.3 In the second section it sets out the four priorities, detailing the challenges the Council faces and the planned activities to progress the work.

2 Development of the Council Plan

- 2.1 The Council Plan has been developed by taking into consideration information from previous work undertaken and the need for the council to be in a strong position to establish and progress its plans.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Council Plan for 2016-18, is to do the following:
 - Provide a strategic policy framework for service and financial planning for 2016/18
 - Update the challenges facing the Council
 - Set out the key activities of the Council under each priority heading
 - Ensure that the Council's various strategies (which feed into the Council Plan) are still relevant and are reflected in the Council Plan
 - Enable progress to be measured against identified outcomes

- 2.3 The vision and priorities remain unchanged from the ones in the previous plan and are:

The vision: *A borough that is prosperous, clean, healthy and safe.*

The priorities:

- A clean, safe and sustainable borough,
- A borough of opportunity,
- A healthy and active community and
- Becoming a co-operative council delivering high quality, community-driven services

3 Timetable for delivery

- 3.1 The Council Plan has been developed with the involvement of elected Members and officers to provide the strategic policy context and inform the service and financial planning processes for 2017-18.
- 3.3 The Council Plan has been developed and if approved, will be implemented from mid-September 2016.
- 3.4 Members are asked to consider the Council Plan and this covering report and recommend the approval and adoption of its contents as provided.

4. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 4.1 Officers have drafted this plan in line with current codes and legislation.

5. Equality impact

- 5.1 There are no differential impacts in this report.

6. Financial and Resource Implications

- 6.1 The Plan will be considered and implemented against the overall Budget Strategy of the Council.

7. Major risks

- 7.1 The Plan will be considered against the overall Risk Strategy of the Council. This is also done as part of the Service Planning process.

8. Key Decision information

- 8.1 This report is in the Forward Plan.

9. List of Appendices

- 9.1 Final version presented to Cabinet (September 2016-18) (Appendix A)

10. Background Papers

- 10.1 Working papers held by officer in Council Plan 2016-18 files