

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Cabinet 19 September 2018

1. COUNCIL PLAN 2018-2022

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Portfolio: Corporate & Service Improvement, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To present for consideration the proposed Council Plan, this will cover the period 2018-2022.

Recommendations

- (a) That Members approve and adopt the Council Plan for 2018-2022**
- (b) That the acting Chief Executive be given authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any final changes before publication of the Plan**

Reasons

The Council Plan needs to be updated to reflect the new priorities of the Council for the period from October 2018 – September 2022.

1 Background

- 1.1 In May 2018, at the Council's first all-out elections, a new Council was elected. Following the elections, and based on its manifesto for those elections, the new administration has taken some time to work with officers to understand the challenges faced by the Council and the Borough, and to turn its ambitions into a new corporate vision and plan. This new vision and plan is now being brought forward for consideration by the Cabinet.
- 1.2 The draft Council Plan for 2018-2022 (to follow) has two main sections. The first section includes the foreword and vision for the Borough Council. In the second section it sets out the four priorities, to address 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 2018-2022, is to do the following:
 - Provide a strategic policy framework for service and financial planning for 2019-2020 and during the period of the plan
 - 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 have changed from the ones in the previous plan and are:

The vision is: - *Good local services, a prosperous borough, and safe and welcoming places for all.*

The priorities are:-

- *Local services that work for local people,*
- *Growing our people and place,*
- *A healthy, active and safe borough and*
- *A town centre for al*

3 Timetable for delivery

3.1 The draft 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 2019-2020.

3.3 The draft Council Plan has been developed and if approved, will be implemented from the beginning of October 2018.

3.4 Members are asked to consider the draft 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 inform the overall Budget Strategy of the Council and will be implemented in a manner consistent with that Strategy.

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 Draft version presented to Cabinet (September 2018-2022) (to follow)

10. Background Papers

10.1 Working papers held by officer in Council Plan 2018-2022 files