

Report to: Performance Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 20 September 2012

Lead Member / Officer: Lead Member for Modernising and Performance/
Head of Business Planning and Performance

Report Author: Corporate Improvement Manager

Title: Draft Corporate Plan 2012-17

1. What is the report about?

This report is about the Council's draft Corporate Plan 2012-17

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To enable Members to consider, and comment on, the current draft version of the Corporate Plan 2012-17 (attached at Appendix I to this report) before the final draft is presented to Council on 9th October 2012. The Committee will play a key role in the performance management of the Corporate Plan once it is agreed.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Committee considers the draft Corporate Plan 2012-17 and, subject to any amendments it wishes to put forward, recommends that it be approved by Council on 9th October 2012.

4. Report details.

The draft Corporate Plan 2012-17 is intended as a high level strategic document to guide the direction of the Council for the next 5 years. It has therefore been developed with that in mind and does not contain details of everything the Council will do during the next 5 years to support the corporate priorities. Furthermore, because we want the Corporate Plan to be an accessible document, we do not intend to include details of all the indicators and performance measures we will use to evaluate our success. We therefore intend to produce a separate document which will define the tools we will use to monitor the Plan, and a draft of this document will be presented to the Committee at the meeting. We will also publish a Corporate Plan Delivery Document every year to provide details of what we expect to deliver in that particular financial year to support the priorities. This document is currently being drafted, and will again be presented to the Committee at the meeting.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The Corporate Plan 2012-17 will establish the priorities for the Council for the period of this Council term (2012-17).

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The Corporate Plan 2012-17 will be supported by a 5-year financial strategy which will outline the anticipated capital investment required in order to deliver the new priorities. This strategy, which will be outlined in the Corporate Plan 2012-17, is currently being drafted following a financial planning session with Members on 11th September 2012. The revised draft of the Corporate Plan, containing this information, will be circulated at the meeting.

7. What consultations have been carried out and has an Equality Impact Assessment Screening been undertaken?

The draft set of corporate priorities was published for public consultation during August 2012. That consultation period ended on 11th September 2012, and all the comments received are included at Appendix II to this report. Town & Community Councils have been given until October 5th 2012 to respond, due to the fact that they did not meet during August. A complete list of comments from the consultation will be presented to Council with the final draft of the Corporate Plan on 9th October.

Members have been consulted in a number of ways during the development of the draft Corporate Plan since the draft set of corporate priorities were agreed by Members on 31st July:

- Quality Control Group, 22nd August (volunteers from event on 31st July session).
- Cabinet Briefing, 10th September.
- Informal Council Session: Financing the Corporate Plan, on 11th September.

The Corporate Improvement Team is currently finalising an Equality Impact Assessment of the Corporate Plan 2012-17. Again, this information will be distributed at the meeting.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The revised version of the Corporate Plan, to be circulated to the Committee at the meeting, will outline the anticipated levels of capital investment required to deliver the Corporate Plan. This will be based on the discussions with Members on 11th September 2012.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The Corporate Risk Register is currently being reviewed, and this will include any risks associated with the new Corporate Plan. The revised Risk Register will be presented to the Committee in November 2012.

10. Power to make the Decision

The Corporate Plan is a key element of the Wales Programme for Improvement (2010), which is underpinned by the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out scrutiny committees' roles and functions.

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