

Report To: Council

Date of Meeting: 9 April 2013

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Title: Corporate Plan 2012-17, Year 2 Delivery Document

1. What is the report about?

1.1 This report presents the Year 2 Delivery Document for the Corporate Plan 2012-17.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1 A decision is required to approve the final draft version of the Corporate Plan Year 2 Delivery Document, attached at Appendix I to this report.

2.2 A Delivery Document is created for every year of the Corporate Plan.

2.3 Its purpose is to outline some of the key projects that will be started and/or delivered during the financial year for each of our priorities, with the intention of illustrating how the Corporate Plan affects the work that we're doing.

2.4 The document will be published on our website so it is available for both our regulators and the public.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 It is recommended that, subject to any agreed changes, Members approve the final draft to enable the document to be translated and published.

4. Report details.

4.1 The purpose of producing and publishing an annual Corporate Plan Delivery Document is to confirm the activity that the council will undertake during the next financial year to support the delivery of its Corporate Plan.

4.2 The activities originate from Service and Programme Plans, and progress updates will be collected through the Ffynnon and Verto systems.

4.3 Progress will be reported to Performance Scrutiny and Cabinet via our Quarterly Performance Reports.

4.4 An overall evaluation of the council's progress in delivering the Corporate Plan will be included in the Annual Performance Reports published each October.

4.5 The activities highlighted within the Year 2 Delivery Document are designed to have a positive impact on our Corporate Priorities and associated outcomes (benefits for our communities).

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

5.1 The document is specifically designed to show what activity the council has planned for 2013-14 to support the delivery of its corporate priorities.

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

6.1 The Corporate Plan 2012-17 includes a five-year financial strategy which outlines the anticipated capital investment required to deliver the priorities. This strategy was developed following a Members workshop on 11th September led by the Head of Finance and Assets.

6.2 The Year 2 Delivery Document also includes a section on the financial implications for 2013-14.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken on the Corporate Plan and presented to Council on 09 October 2012.

7.2 No specific Equality Impact Assessment is required for this report itself, but Heads of Service will need to consider the equality impact of individual activities mentioned in the document in order to ensure that they do not have any disproportionate detrimental impact on people who share protected characteristics.

7.3 Some of the activities, for example formalising plans for the delivering dropped kerbs, will have a positive equality impact and are designed to respond to the original Equality Impact Assessment of the Corporate Plan.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1 The document has been developed from activity identified from draft Service Plans for 2013-14 and from Programme Plans.

8.2 A draft was circulated to SLT for comment before being presented to Council for approval.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 The Corporate Plan contains high level spending plans covering 2012-17, and sets the context for the Medium Term Financial Plan. The investment outlined in the Corporate Plan is ambitious but necessary if the Council is to continue to improve key services. The Council faces a difficult few years with a challenging financial environment and should the need arise, plans are flexible enough to be changed if the financial situation changes.

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

10.1 There are no specific risks attached to this report. It is the role of our Corporate and Service Risk Registers to identify (and manage) the potential risk events which could lead to the council being unable to deliver its Corporate Plan.

11. Power to make the Decision

11.1 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.