

Cabinet

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Refreshed Council Plan 2022 - 2024

For Recommendation to Council

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Brief Summary:

The Council Plan 2020 – 2024 is being refreshed to ensure the latter two years of the plan reflect the current strategic priorities for the council. This will ensure that the council clearly describes targets for 2022 – 24 and can measure success through a single delivery plan aligned to strategic performance monitoring. The draft Council Plan has been reviewed at Place and Resources Overview Committee on 7 June and at People and Health Overview Committee on 28 June and the respective meeting minutes reflect all observations made. Amendments have been made to the attached drafts after these meetings and inform the documents being reviewed today.

Recommendation:

Members of the Cabinet to recommend approval of the refreshed Council Plan and the new strategic delivery plan to full Council on 20 October 2022.

Note: the strategic delivery plan appended to this report will be subject to further minor revision of the proposed metrics in line with the development of the strategic performance framework.

An easy read version of the Council Plan 2022 – 24 will be developed in time for review by Full Council on 20 October 2022.

Reason for Recommendation:

The review and refresh of the Dorset Council Plan should be approved by all Dorset Councillors at a full council meeting.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Dorset Council plan is the council's key strategic planning document, which articulates the council's overall aims and ambitions, and is the focus for setting key targets for the council.
- 1.2 The first iteration of the Dorset Council plan was approved by Full Council on 18 February 2020. A second iteration was developed following the COVID-19 pandemic, to reflect some of the changed priorities and support COVID recovery. This was approved by Cabinet on 5 October 2021 and is available on the council website: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/council-plan. This version of the plan continues to follow the same format as previous iterations for continuity.
- 1.3 At the Annual Council meeting on Thursday 12 May 2022, Leader Cllr Spencer Flower set out 10 priorities as his 'leadership mission statement'. These 10 Cabinet Commitments relate to:
 - a) Dorset Local Plan
 - b) Housing for local people
 - c) Adult social care
 - d) Children's services
 - e) Assets and property
 - f) Working with the Integrated Care system
 - g) Climate and ecological strategy
 - h) Community safety
 - i) County deal
 - j) Digital innovation
- 1.4 Officers have therefore been asked to review the Dorset Council Plan and ensure the 10 commitments are fully incorporated. Once approved by Overview committees, Cabinet and Full Council, this refreshed Dorset Council Plan will then become council policy for officers to deliver.
- 1.5 The main changes to the Dorset Council Plan are as follows with 6 priorities changed and condensed to 5 priorities:
 - a) 'Economic growth' changed to 'driving economic prosperity'
 - b) 'Unique environment' and 'climate and ecology' merged to a single new priority 'protecting our natural environment, climate and ecology'

- c) 'Suitable housing' changed to 'creating sustainable development and housing' which also now incorporates more of our work on the Local Plan as well as housing
- d) 'Strong healthy communities' and 'staying safe and well' merged into a single priority for 'creating stronger, healthier communities'
- e) Creation of a new priority 'becoming a more responsive, customer focused council'

1.6 A new strategic delivery plan 2022-24 has been created which is attached in draft at Appendix B. This sets out the council's key activities to achieve the 5 priorities in the Dorset Council Plan. These will be monitored quarterly with progress shared with the Dorset Council Cabinet, and annually with Dorset Councillors, residents, businesses and partners. An easy read version of the Council Plan 2022 – 24 will be developed in time for review by Full Council on 20 October 2022.

2. Financial Implications

None

3. Climate Implications

None

4. Well-being and Health Implications

None

5. Other Implications

None

6. Risk Assessment

6.1 HAVING CONSIDERED: the risks associated with this decision; the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

Equality impact assessments (EQIAs) are or will be in place for each of the areas of work to deliver the Dorset Council Plan priorities.

8. **Appendices**

Appendix A is the draft Council Plan 2022-24
Appendix B is the new draft Delivery Plan 2022-24

9. **Background Papers**

Dorset Council Plan approved 18 February 2020
Dorset Council Plan update with Covid-19 implications approved 5
October 2021

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.