

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

Purpose of the Report

1. This report details proposals to introduce a revised and more streamlined approach to strategic planning and performance management through the implementation of a new Planning and Performance Framework.

Information and Advice

2. The Planning and Performance Framework attached at Appendix 1 is designed to support a one Council structure and outlines the proposed approach the Council will take to planning and managing its performance specifically :
 - strategic and financial planning
 - commissioning for both external and internally delivered services
 - the determination of transformation and change options
 - performance and contract management
3. The Framework sets out what we mean by performance management; the relationship of our planning and performance approach with the Medium Term Financial Strategy; budget setting process; and commissioning.
4. The Council's strategic planning cycle will be supported by the production, implementation and monitoring of a number of key plans including a Council Plan and Departmental Strategies. The Framework details the purpose and components of these.
5. These plans will be supported by a number of resource and service strategies setting out how key services will be focusing on supporting the achievement of the Council's outcomes.
6. Through the Framework the Council will also ensure consistent and timely reports to Members assessing progress against the delivery of the Council's outcomes and priorities and its key transformation and change programmes. To evaluate the impact of the Planning and Performance Framework a review of this will be undertaken at the end of the first year of operation.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. To update and streamline the council's approach to its strategic planning and performance management through the approval of a new Planning and Performance Management Framework.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that

1. Policy Committee approves the Planning and Performance Management Framework.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 01/06/2017)

10. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 2/06/2017)

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All