

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader and Cabinet

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AUTHOR/S: Chief Executive

DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2009/10

Purpose

1. The purpose of the report is to enable Cabinet to comment on the draft Corporate Plan for 2009/10 and approve arrangements for the finalisation of the Plan and recommendation to Council.
2. This not a key decision because it brings together matters already approved – including the 3As, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Workforce Plan and service plans

Background

3. The Corporate Plan is the culmination of the policy and financial planning process, beginning with the setting of Council priorities (through the 3As) and continuing with the budget and service planning processes. The Corporate Plan sets out the challenges facing the Council in the years ahead; how the Council will tackle those issues; and how it plans to deliver on its aims to improve services and quality of life.
4. The Corporate Plan is intended to provide a readable and accessible picture of the Council to Members, employees, partners and the public

Considerations

5. The draft Corporate Plan is attached as an **Appendix** to this report. At this stage it is not complete. Further information is required in a number of areas – for example national comparisons for Place Survey data. Further work is required in setting targets or smart outcomes for the measures in the appendices.
6. At this stage Members views are invited on issues such as:
 - a) Does the Corporate Plan provide an accurate overview of the issues and challenges facing the Council?
 - b) Does the Plan give a fair representation of Members' views of the aims and direction of the Council?
 - c) Do the appendices identify the most important things which Members would want to see delivered in 2009/10? As drafted, the appendices focus on Council Actions, LAA targets, and other important actions or NIs resulting from service plans.
 - d) Is the Plan realistic? Does it represent a programme that will be achievable by the Executive? The Plan will be used by the Audit Commission and auditors to assess progress by the Council and therefore it must be realistic.

7. Once the Corporate Plan has been approved, the targets in the two appendices will be monitored and progress reported to SMT and Cabinet on a quarterly basis.

Implications

8. There are no significant implications which have not already been considered in the context of the budget and service plans.

Effect on Strategic Aims

9. As can be seen, the draft Plan is structured around the Council's Vision, Aims, Approaches and Actions.

Recommendations

10. The Cabinet is recommended to
 - a) comment on the draft Corporate Plan taking into account in particular the questions at paragraph 6
 - b) authorise the Chief Executive to finalise the Plan in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Policy, Improvement and Communications prior to recommendation to full Council.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

Service Plans
Medium Term Financial Strategy
Various Cabinet reports

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