

CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 20 MARCH 2018

Report of	Chief Executive
Status	For consideration
Key Decision	No
Portfolio Holder	Cllr. Peter Fleming
Contact Officer(s)	Lee Banks, Head of Transformation and Strategy, Ext 7161 Margaret Carr, Policy Officer, Ext 7341

Recommendation to Policy and Performance Advisory Committee:

- (a) the comments of the Advisory Committee on the emerging Corporate Plan themes are noted; and
 - (b) that the emerging Corporate Plan themes are shared with Portfolio Holders for further consideration and development.
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Reason for recommendation: To ensure Members are aware of progress on the new Corporate Plan and to make their own contribution the development of the plan.

Introduction and Background

- 1 At the meeting of the Policy and Portfolio Advisory Committee on 5 October 2017, Members considered and agreed an early proposal for the priorities and themes for the new Corporate Plan.
- 2 These priorities were contained within the overarching priority of wellbeing, to be achieved through themes of Environment, Housing, Economy, Health and Community Safety, underpinned by excellence, innovation and value to the customers.
- 3 Following Members endorsement of the approach being taken Officers have undertaken some further work to provide a definition of wellbeing, and to being to provide a draft narrative for each of the five themes for Members to consider and give their views.

Corporate Plan themes

- 4 The Corporate Plan will set out for the first time what the Council aims to achieve under its ambition to be a 'Seriously Different Council'. This builds

on the strong foundation of financial self-sufficiency which was achieved under the last Corporate Plan.

5 Over the last two years the Council has also made significant steps forward in its ambition to improve the health and wellbeing of the District. To recognise the importance this has to the Council's future direction 'wellbeing' will be the theme that runs through all of our priorities for the future.

6 To ensure Members, Officers and residents are clear on what 'wellbeing' means to the District the following short paragraph has been drafted as a starting point for discussion. It is wholly expected that the paragraph will change as Members contribute to the development of the plan.

"Sevenoaks District Council is ambitious for the community it serves. We will continue to deliver excellent services, to the highest quality, always ensuring the very best value. We want our residents to lead long, happy and healthy lives, and our businesses to thrive and prosper.

"This means working to ensure our communities have suitable homes to live in, within a safe, healthy and protected environment, and supporting a strong local economy that provides the jobs and services we need."

7 Members will be provided an early draft of the text for each of the themes at the meeting of the Advisory Committee. Members are encouraged to provide feedback and contribute further ideas for the actions that the Council may wish to take in the coming years to ensure the aims of the new Corporate Plan can be met.

Key Implications

Financial

N/A

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

N/A

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Appendices None

Background Papers None

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Chief Executive