

## DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN

Cabinet - 11 October 2018

Report of	Chief Executive
Status	For Consideration
Key Decision	No

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### Recommendations to Cabinet:

- (a) The Draft Corporate Plan is approved; and
  - (b) Authority is delegated to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to finalise the Draft Corporate Plan and prepare a report for Council.
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**Reason for recommendation:** To ensure Members are aware of progress on the development of a new Corporate Plan and to make their own contribution as appropriate.

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### Introduction and Background

- 1 The Council's last Corporate Plan was adopted by Council in 2013. The Corporate Plan sets out a summary of recent progress and a vision for the future of the District. The main content of the Plan is the priorities the Members set for the Council, what we aim to achieve for the benefit of the District and the actions that will be taken to deliver on them.
- 2 Through a number of discussions with Members a new Draft Corporate Plan has been written. Following Members endorsement of the approach being taken, a recent Communications Peer Review by the Local Government Association has also advised that the Council's vision to be a 'seriously different council' is fitting given the strength of ambition, built on the foundations of the unique position of financial self-sufficiency.

### Draft Corporate Plan

- 3 The new 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 two years earlier than initially planned under the last Corporate Plan.

- 4 The Draft plan has five themes, or priority areas, that focus on what the Council will aim to provide for its residents. These themes are Environment, Housing, Economy, Health and Community Safety.
- 5 Over the last two years the Council has 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 a part of all of our priorities for the future.
- 6 The final part of the Plan is to ensure that all that the Council does is built on the three pillars of excellence, innovation and value.
- 7 At Appendix A to this report is the current text for the Draft Corporate Plan. The Plan has been developed in consultation with Members, and under each theme the Draft Plan sets out actions that the Council will take to ensure our communities have suitable homes to live in, within a safe, healthy and protected environment, supported by a strong local economy that provides the jobs and services we need.
- 8 Members' comments are welcome on the Draft Plan. Subject to any further amendments being agreed by Cabinet it is proposed that the Council's new Corporate Plan is presented to Council at its meeting in November to be agreed and adopted.

#### **Other Options Considered and/or Rejected**

- 9 None

#### **Key Implications**

##### Financial

None

##### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

None

##### 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.

#### **Conclusions**

Through its Corporate Planning process the Council has made strong progress in recent years, including becoming the first financially self-sufficient Council in the Country.

Having delivered on this ambition it is considered necessary to set out a new Corporate Plan for the Council.

**Appendices**

**Appendix A**

**Background Papers**

Corporate Plan (adopted by Council in 2013)

[www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/548/corporate\\_plan](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/548/corporate_plan)

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