

COUNCIL – 10TH NOVEMBER 2009

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Report of the: Chief Executive

Also considered by: Cabinet 22nd October 2009

Status: For Consideration

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Key Aim of Effective Management of Council Resources

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Peter Fleming

Head of Service Head of Policy, Performance & Communications - Karl Sewell

Recommendation: Council be recommended to RESOLVE that the Annual Report 2009 is approved for publication.

Background

- 1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 removed the requirement for the District Council to produce an annual Best Value Performance Plan (or Corporate Performance Plan). Last year an approach for future corporate performance plans and documents was considered and agreed.
- 2 The agreed approach includes rationalising the quantity of information produced each year and improving the methods used to communicate information to residents and other people who have an interest in the District Council, its activities and its achievements. This led to the production and publication of the Council's first four-year Corporate Plan 2009-12, complemented by an Annual Report in January 2009.

Introduction

- 3 The Council's (DRAFT) Annual Report 2009 is appended to this report.

Options (and Reasons for the Recommendation)

- 4 The (DRAFT) Annual Report 2009 represents good practice and includes specific recommendations received from external assessments and audits.

Key Implications

Financial

Within existing resources.

Community Impact and Outcomes

The Annual Report provides information about the Council and its activities and plans.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

The District Council is required to produce and publish information about how we manage our resources and demonstrate our accountability.

Resource (non-financial)

Within existing resources.

Value For Money and Asset Management

Potential for efficiency gains.

Equality Impacts

<i>Does the activity have the potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?</i>	}	The proposals support the Comprehensive
<i>Does the activity make a positive contribution to promoting equality?</i>	}	Equality Policy and Scheme - see
<i>Summary of Impacts</i>	}	Equality Impact Assessment:
<i>How the equality impacts weigh on other factors relating to the decision</i>	}	EQ_178

Sustainability Checklist

The information in this report does not have an impact or contribute towards the Council's commitment to sustainability. However where policy and strategy documents are produced by the Council, the key aim of effective management of Council resources is actively sought.

Conclusions

By adopting the document, the District Council will enhance the communication of its purpose, achievements and accountability as well as demonstrate good practice and its commitment to community leadership.

Risk Assessment Statement

The District Council is required to comply with requirements to publish information. Failure to introduce improvements in response to greater freedoms and flexibility may

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have a negative impact on communication with our community and other people who have an interest in the District Council, as well as future external assessments.

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