DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN

Strategy and Performance Advisory Committee - 8 October 2013

Report of Chief Executive

Status: For Consideration

Key Decision: No

This report supports the Council's promise to provide value for money

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Fleming

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Recommendation to Strategy and Performance Advisory Committee:

To consider the Draft Corporate Plan and, provide suggestions for areas for improvement to the Leader of the Council to enable him to present a revised and updated version to Cabinet for its consideration.

Reason for recommendation: For Members to fulfil their role in policy development and to provide direction in the development of the Council's Corporate Plan.

Introduction and Background

- The Corporate Plan is a document used by local authorities to articulate how they will deliver the vision and priorities set out by Members. The Corporate Plan is primarily designed as an internal document to provide both Members and officers with clarity about the future direction of the Council. The document will however be made publicly available and shared with other organisations such as the Council's external auditors.
- The vision for the new Corporate Plan for Sevenoaks District Council was to be more modern in its design and although focussed on an internal audience to make it more meaningful for residents. The draft content for the Plan does reference the main features that help the organisation to work and to deliver its services to a high quality. However, the majority of the draft content has a focus on the Council Promises and is intended to be very clear in what the Council has achieved over the last two years and what more it aims to achieve in the coming years.
- In response to this changing focus it is considered important that Members of the Advisory Committee consider the draft Corporate Plan to ensure what is being proposed delivers on the ambitions set out in paragraph 2.

Draft Corporate Plan

A presentation on the draft Corporate Plan will be made to Members at the meeting of the Committee. A fully designed draft will be available for Members to view and consider and enable suggestions to be made on improvements to the plan.

Other Options Considered and/or Rejected

5 None.

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications arising from this report. Delivery of the Corporate Plan and the commitments it sets out will be achieved within the existing financial plan.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications from this report. The risk of not having a properly considered and documented Corporate Plan may result in resources being directed at areas that are not a priority for the Council.

Equality Impacts

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:			
Question		Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	There are no equality impacts arising from this report.
b.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	No	
C.	What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		Not applicable.

Conclusions

The Corporate Plan will be presented to Members to consider and to provide suggestions for improvements to ensure that the focus of the document and the commitments made within it are appropriate and priority areas for the Council.

Appendices None.

Background Papers: None.

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