

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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Draft Strategic Plan 2008-2011

Report of: Jan Richmond, Chief Executive

Summary

1. The report presents draft versions of Parts I and II of the Council's strategic plan for the period 2008/09-2010/11 for information and comment.

Introduction

2. At its meeting on 11th March 2008, the board considered the proposed revision of the corporate strategic plan a year ahead of schedule to produce a new plan covering the period 2008/09 – 2010/11.
3. The rationale set out for this change was that it would align:
 - the Council's strategic planning cycle with the new requirements for the Sustainable Community Strategy and the LAA; and
 - the service and medium-term financial planning processes.
4. The report also set out the proposed outline content and structure of the plan, which comprises three sections:
 - Part I - **Corporate Overview**
 - Part II A - **Achievements** (in 2007/08)
 - Part II B - **Future Actions** (for 2008/09)
 - Part III - **Supporting Documentation**
5. This report presents draft versions of Parts I and II of the Strategic Plan for information and comment.

Evidence / Discussion

6. At this stage, the plan has been through individual department's development processes and draft content has been considered by the relevant scrutiny panels. CMT considered a revised draft of the plan on 1st May and a wider consultation exercise with the Council's key partners was concluded on 21st May.
7. The finalised strategic plan is scheduled for submission to the meeting of the Executive on 24th June.
8. The plan is still work in progress and board members are advised that further changes may occur, including:
 - Editorial and proof reading changes to ensure the content is consistent and coherent across the document.
 - Additional and/or updated information for the planned actions and targets as discussions continue around the development of the Local Area Agreement and the Sustainable Community Strategy, and from the emerging feedback from the Corporate Assessment and Joint Area Review processes.
9. The above changes will not alter the fundamental nature of the content of the document. The final document will be professionally printed document.

Conclusions

15. That the scrutiny board members note and comment on the draft Strategic Plan.

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