

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2012/2013

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Overview and Scrutiny Board on the development of the 2012/13 Strategic Plan and seek comments.

BACKGROUND

2. The Strategic Plan is the Council's overarching plan. It is a core document of the Council's policy framework and provides the basis of its corporate performance management framework. CMT, Overview and Scrutiny Board and Executive monitor progress against the Plan on a quarterly basis.
3. In response to the reduction in the Government's oversight of local government performance, the Council has significantly streamlined the Plan in recent years. The draft 2012/13 Plan is just 12% of the size of the 2008/09 Plan, prepared at the high watermark of Central Government regulation.
4. Derived from departmental business plans and the Council's emerging transformation programme, the Plan outlines for each service area:
 - headline performance measures, standards and targets; and
 - major improvement activity for the coming year and beyond.
5. In addition, this year's Plan incorporates the Council's agreed Equality Objectives, required by the Equality Act 2010 and approved by the Deputy Mayor on 27 March 2012. This avoids the need to publish a separate document setting out these objectives.
6. The draft 2012/13 Plan is appended to this report. This draft was endorsed by Executive on 19 June and will be considered by Council on 4 July 2012.
7. The draft will be subject to further amendments prior to consideration by Council, including:
 - the potential inclusion of the Council's revised vision for Middlesbrough, if finalised;
 - changes to departmental plans to reflect ongoing transformation discussions; and

- routine editorial and proof reading changes.
8. As agreed with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board, the draft plan was circulated to Scrutiny Panel Chairs for comment. Approval of any necessary changes to the plan prior to consideration by Council and subsequently publication is delegated to the Deputy Mayor, as advised by the Assistant Chief Executive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. That OSB notes and comments on the draft Strategic Plan for 2012/13.
10. That OSB notes arrangements for the finalisation of the Plan.

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