

# AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 19 FEBRUARY 2007

ITEM 8

Report of the Director of Resources and Housing

# Corporate Plan 2007-2010

# **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To note the contents of the draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010 and supporting action plan, paying particular attention to the risks set out within the action plan.
- 1.2 To verbally refer comments to Council Cabinet, on 20 February 2007, as appropriate.

# **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

# **Priorities and Key Outcomes**

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan describes how the Council will deliver its priorities. Following consideration by Cabinet and Scrutiny Management Commission six priorities have been proposed, for 2007-2010, which are supported by 18 key outcomes.
- 2.2 The increase in priorities, from four in the 2006-2009 Plan to six for 2007-2010, shows a slight change in focus for the Council. The inclusion of the priority 'leading Derby towards a better environment' sets out the Council's commitment to tackling climate change and sustaining the area for future generations, whilst the introduction of the priority 'creating a 21 century city centre' strengthens the link between the Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy.
- 2.3 A list of the Council's draft priorities and key outcomes for 2007-2010 is available at Appendix 2. The proposed priorities have been subject to consultation as part of the budget process.

## **Corporate Plan Structure and Layout**

- 2.4 The Corporate Plan 2006-2009 was structured into nine parts and included information on; the Council's vision, priorities, outcomes, future plans for improvement and achievements made. The plan included a lot of relevant information however feedback received has indicated that there was too much detail, which made the plan difficult to read.
- 2.5 The Corporate Plan 2007-2010 has been streamlined to make it more 'user friendly'. This has included reducing the length of the document and streamlining the design to cover key highlights...

- Brief contextual information on the city and the Council.
- A brief review of achievements in 2006/07.
- The Council's vision, values, priorities and key outcomes.
- A summary of financial management arrangements and how success will be measured.
- 2.6 The draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010, which can be found on CMIS <a href="http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8369">http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8369</a> provides Members with a working copy of the Plan content.

# **Supporting Action Plan**

- 2.7 As there is still a requirement to include key information in the Corporate Plan 2007-2010, a supporting action plan, 'Delivering our Priorities', has been developed. This document includes the detailed information on how each of the priorities and key outcomes will be delivered; a draft is available on CMIS <a href="http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8370">http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8370</a>.
- 2.8 The structure of the information contained within the action plan remains similar to 'Part 4' of the Corporate Plan 2006-2009, however, an extra column presenting risks, has been added. The aim of this amendment is to strengthen the linkages between corporate performance planning and risk management.

#### **Review Process**

- 2.9 Council Cabinet considered a first draft of the Plan and supporting action plan on 16 January 2007.
- 2.10 On 30 January 2007 Scrutiny Management Commission reviewed the draft Plan and supporting action plan and referred comments to Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007.

#### **Next Steps**

- 2.11 Officers will continue to work on the Plan and supporting action plan, amending items where necessary and incorporating outturn information that is not yet available
- 2.12 Following any comments by this Committee, Scrutiny Management Commission and further work by Officers, a revised draft will be presented to Council Cabinet on 20 February 2007, which it will be asked to recommend to Council for approval on 1 March 2007.

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Background papers:

List of appendices: Draft Corporate Plan 2007-2010 available on CMIS at –

http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=8369

Draft Corporate Plan Action Plan available on CMIS at -

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Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Proposed corporate priorities and key outcomes 2007-2010

## **IMPLICATIONS**

## **Financial**

- 1. The affordability of the provisional actions in support of the priority outcomes are being assessed as part of the budget planning process. The budget will be approved by Council on 1 March 2007 in conjunction with the Corporate Plan.
- 2 Design and printing costs, for the 2007-2010 Plan will be met from existing budget provisions.

# Legal

3. There is no legal requirement to produce a Corporate Plan, although it is good practice to do so.

#### Personnel

4. Delivery of affordable reform to Council pay structures is included as a provisional action.

# **Equalities impact**

5. The plan shows how the Council will take forward its vision to make Derby a city for all ages. An equalities impact assessment will be carried out on the Corporate Plan 2007-2010, by the end of April 2007.

# **Corporate priorities**

6. The draft corporate plan presents revised corporate priorities for 2007-2010, which includes some minor amendments to existing priorities and the addition of two new priorities; leading Derby towards a better environment and creating a 21<sup>st</sup> Century city centre.

# PROPOSED CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND KEY OUTCOMES 2007-2010

PRIORITY	OUTCOMES
Making us proud of our neighbourhoods	Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
	Making Derby cleaner and greener
	Providing greater opportunities for people to participate in decisions about the area they live in
	Reducing inequalities between neighbourhoods by supporting the creation of job opportunities
	Improving the standard and range of affordable housing
Creating a 21st Century city centre	Improving accessibility to the city centre
	Increasing economic growth and sustainable investment
	Increasing the quality of open spaces and the range cultural facilities in the city centre
Leading Derby towards a better environment	Reducing the level of carbon emissions
	Raising awareness on climate change and local environment issues
	Caring for Derby's heritage
Supporting everyone in learning and achieving	Improving educational achievement and narrowing gaps in attainment
	Providing learning opportunities to raise skills levels for all
Helping us all to be healthy, active and independent	Improving the health and well-being of our communities
	Raising the quality of social care for vulnerable and older people
	Responding quickly and effectively to local needs of children, young people and their parents/carers
Giving you excellent services and value for money	Improving Council services
	Increasing value for money