

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

TITLE OF REPORT: KEY PROJECTS FOR 2020/21

REPORT OF: SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

CURRENT COUNCIL PRIORITY: ATTRACTIVE AND THRIVING / PROSPER AND PROTECT / RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT

NEW COUNCIL PRIORITY: BE A MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COUNCIL / BUILD THRIVING AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES / RESPOND TO CHALLENGES TO THE ENVIRONMENT / ENABLE AN ENTERPRISING AND CO-OPERATIVE ECONOMY / SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF GOOD QUALITY AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present to the Committee the key projects to be delivered to support the Council Plan 2020 - 25

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. For the Committee to note the key projects, subject to capacity, that will be the key focus for the Council 2020 / 2021.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Corporate Business Planning Timetable requires the key projects to be considered by this Committee. In addition, this Committee has a role in monitoring the delivery of these projects.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1. There are no alternative options for this report.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1. Consultation has been undertaken by the relevant Lead Officer and Executive Member for these key projects. In addition, a number of the projects are included within the Capital Programme for 2020/21 that was considered by Council on 6 February 2020.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. This Committee reviewed the Corporate Business Planning Timetable in June 2014 and noted that it would remain for subsequent years. The final item on this timetable is for this Committee to “establish programme management arrangements and reporting times for the new plan”.
- 7.2. This report refers to the specific projects that support the delivery of the Council’s agreed Council Plan.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1. The Council Plan 2020-25 identifies a number of key objectives for the District. Many of the projects listed, constitute “Business as Usual” and are achieved as part of normal service delivery. This includes work undertaken against a wide range of areas such as ongoing repair and maintenance to pavilions and footpaths, in accordance with allocated funding in the Capital programme for the Green Space Strategy. Other Business as Usual examples include the growth of the Careline service, which is monitored via Performance Management or Capital monitoring
- 8.2. The key projects to be reported against for 2020/21 are included in Appendix A. Some of these projects are a continuation of those identified in the Corporate Plan 2019-24, generally the larger projects which span more than one financial year. There are some additional projects which have been identified and agreed through the Capital programme for 2020/21.
- 8.3. Appendix A includes the current plans and where available, key milestones for reporting progress. Where the projects span more than one year, the milestones will reflect only the actions which are to be achieved in the 2020/21 year. These will be subject to further review depending on the Council’s capacity. In addition to these indicative reporting details, and where no specific mention is made, updates will be provided to Executive Members and may be provided, where relevant, through the Members information Service (MIS). A summary update on all the projects will be included in the quarterly report to this Committee. Progress against some will be monitored through the Capital monitoring reports to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and to Cabinet.
- 8.4. Detailed milestones to deliver the projects will be included in Service Plans and agreed with individuals through the Regular Performance Review process. Key milestones will be recorded on Pentana Performance and progress against delivery of these is monitored through the Senior Management Team.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. No direct legal implications arise from this report. Legal implications for the projects listed in Appendix A are considered as part of those projects and will include (but are not limited to) governance, property, planning and contractual issues. Under the Local Government Act 2000 there is a legal requirement for Councils operating Executive arrangements to appoint an overview and scrutiny committee with remit to review decisions and other actions.
- 9.2. Overview and Scrutiny's terms of reference include at paragraph 6.2.7(s) of the Constitution "to review performance against the Council's agreed priorities and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or service areas". This report gives the Committee an opportunity to comment on progress made against the projects that have been identified for delivery against the Council's

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There are no direct financial implications from this report. A number of these projects are included within the Council's agreed Capital and Revenue programme for 2020/21.
- 10.2. The Council continues to face difficult spending decisions in view of the reductions in Government support in future years and the availability of funding continues to impact on the projects that can be undertaken.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. The Lead Officer for each project is responsible for identifying any risks to the successful delivery of the Project
- 11.2. Some of these major projects have been identified as Corporate Risks for the Council and these are monitored by Risk Management Group and the Finance Audit and Risk Committee. These include:
- Local Plan
 - Brexit
 - Improve Use of Council Assets
 - Waste Depot / Transfer Station and Household Recycling Centre.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2. By considering the key projects for 2020/21 this provides a means to monitor whether the council are meeting the stated outcomes of the district priorities, its targets or delivering accessible and appropriate services to the community to meet different

people's needs. This assists the Council to fulfil a number of its obligations arising from the Public Sector Equality Duty.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. There are no additional human resource implications arising from this monitoring report. The resources needed to deliver projects should be considered through the Corporate Business Planning process

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1. Appendix A – Key Projects to be monitored for 20/21.

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1. None.