

**COUNCIL
21 NOVEMBER 2019**

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

ITEM 6B

TITLE OF REPORT: ITEM REFERRED FROM CABINET: 31 OCTOBER 2019 – COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL OBJECTIVES 2020-2025

Extract from the draft Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31 October 2019

The Leader of the Council presented the report entitled Council Plan 2020-2025 and Council Objectives 2020-2015 together with the following appendices:

- Appendix A - Draft Council Plan 2020-2025;
- Appendix B – Proposed actions for 2020-2025;
- Appendix C – Achievements of the Council in 2018/19.

The Leader of the Council advised that through workshops, all Councillors had been given the opportunity to have an input into the Plan. He referred to the changes discussed at the All-Member Workshop. Two changes had been suggested to the Objectives. One suggested removing the word “more” from the first objective. He recommended that this was not accepted as whilst being a welcoming council is at the centre of what we should be, our aspiration is to be more welcoming. The word “homes” rather than “housing” in the fifth objective should be accepted. Other recommendations had been included in Appendix B.

The Policy and Community Engagement Manager displayed a draft layout of the Plan on the screens in the Chamber,

The following Members took part in the debate:

- Councillor Judi Billing;
- Councillor Paul Clark;
- Councillor Gary Grindal.

Councillor Billing indicated that whilst some of parts of the Plan had been drafted by herself and Councillor Brown, use of the word ‘street’ and some of the grammar needed to be changed and then proof read. There was also discussion around the changes of the use of the word ‘homes’ as opposed to ‘housing’, with specific reference to the diagram by Councillor Grindal.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the draft complete Council Plan, which provides a summary of objectives and of activity to support the progression of the following Council Objectives be approved:
 - Be a more welcoming and inclusive **council**;
 - Build a 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**.

(2) That the following documents be recommended for approval, with the minor amendments and corrections as discussed:

- Appendix A - Council Plan 2020-2025;
- Appendix B – Proposed Actions;
- Appendix C – Achievements.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That the following documents be adopted with the amendments as discussed:

- Appendix A – Council Plan 2020 -2025;
- Appendix B – Proposed Actions;
- Appendix C – Achievements.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: The Council plan is a key element of the corporate business planning process, as a high level strategic document it sets out the Council's priorities for the next year. As an overarching policy framework document it guides and influences the use of Council resources; providing a focus for activities, plans and services the Council provide.

(Take with Item 7)