

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DATE OF MEETING: 17 JANUARY 2023

TITLE OF REPORT: DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2022-2027 CONSULTATION

Cabinet Portfolio: Leader/Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services

Key Decision: No

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to give Overview & Scrutiny Committee the opportunity to make comments on the draft Corporate Plan 2022-2027. Cabinet will then consider all comments received and will make a recommendation for debate at February's Full Council.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Overview & Scrutiny Committee is invited to address the four draft Corporate Plan 2022-2027 consultation questions as set out in paragraph 13 of this report and to submit its views to Cabinet.

BACKGROUND

3. In November the Council launched a consultation on a draft Corporate Plan for 2023-2027, inviting residents and stakeholders to comment on the Council's priorities for the next four years.
4. The Council's current Corporate Plan was adopted in 2017. Following an unprecedented last three years and increasing demand for Council services, the Council is now looking at priorities for the next four years.
5. This corporate plan will shape the projects and work the Council undertakes and therefore comments have been sought from residents and stakeholders to ensure the focus reflects the priorities of everyone in Hart.
6. To gather these, a public consultation was launched from Tuesday 1 November running until Sunday 18 December 2022. However, due to the challenges posed by the recent postal strikes the closing date for the receipt for written responses was extended to January 2023. Social media activity was also enhanced. In practice however, all comments received up until the beginning of January have been accepted.

COMENTARY

7. Three key focus areas have been identified in the Plan for the next four years. These are:

Planet - a new zero carbon and climate resilient Council by 2035, and a climate resilient district by 2040.

People - fair treatment for all, help for those in need, and a sustainable economy that makes Hart a great place to live, work and enjoy.

Place - delivering warmer, better homes in sustainable locations that people can afford to live in.

Each of these focus areas have key objectives and goals identified within them and are underpinned by providing a resilient and financially sound Hart District Council. These objectives are supported by targets. For more information, follow the link to view the [draft Corporate Plan 2023-27](#).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no reasonable alternative options.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The adoption of a new Corporate Plan will in future guide the Council in settings its annual budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT

10. There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

EQUALITIES

11. There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

12. There are no immediate climate change implications associated with this report although implementation of the Corporate Plan will support the delivery of Climate Change mitigation objectives.

ACTION

13. Committee is invited to address the following four draft Corporate Plan 2022-2027 consultation questions and to submit its views to Cabinet:
 - Q1 We have identified three key areas of focus for our Corporate Plan, Planet, People and Place. Are we focusing on the correct priorities? Do you want us to focus on something else for the next four years and if so, what?
 - Q2 Within each area of focus we have identified a number of objectives. Are these objectives correct? If not, what should be added or removed?
 - Q3 Our objectives are supported by four-year goals for each focus area. Do these goals focus on the right areas? If not, what should we be looking to achieve with our four-year targets?
 - Q4 Underpinning the three focus areas is our goal for a resilient and financially sound Hart District Council. Are the goals we have identified to ensure this correct? If not, what should we be focused on?

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Appendices

Appendix A: [draft Corporate Plan 2023-27](#)