

Subject: The Council's Corporate Plan
(incorporating the Best Value Performance
Plan)

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Council

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Report of: The Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Leader of the Council

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Each year the Council produces a Corporate Plan (incorporating the Best Value Performance Plan) which identifies where the Council intends to direct its attention and resources to achieve its stated priorities.
- 1.2 Last year, in conjunction with the adoption of a new set of priorities for the Council, all Members were engaged in the production of a new Corporate Plan for the Council that showed the outcomes, actions and targets to be achieved over the period 2007 – 2010, against each of the Council's priorities.
- 1.3 The general structure and format of last year's Corporate Improvement Plan was viewed as effective and positively endorsed by Members. As a result of the plan covering a three year time period, substantial changes to update it for 2008 – 2011 are not required, as the priorities, outcomes and most of the targets remain unchanged. Therefore, the plan is largely a refresh of the preceding year.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report are designed to provide greater focus on all the Council's priorities.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Council's Strategic Risk Register for 2008 – 2011 is contained within the Corporate Improvement Plan. In addition, the strength and effectiveness of the corporate planning process is clearly central to supporting councillors in maintaining a focus on the most important issues and the Council's Corporate Plan is central to this process.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 Whilst the general format, structure of the Corporate Plan will remain the same, the following changes will be made to the new plan for 2008 – 2011 .
- 4.2 The new Sustainable, Community Strategy for Rosendale, developed by the Local Strategic partnership, contains a new set of priorities and outcomes, and Section 2 – Our Ambitions, has been changed to show how the priorities of the Council , relate to those in the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 4.3 This has also given the opportunity to 'retire' the eleven objectives which were either shared by the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership, or which belonged solely to the Council, thus enabling a clearer and more direct focus upon the Council's priorities and those in the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 4.4 The changes to Section 4 – Corporate Priorities, include amendments to a small number of targets contained in the plan to reflect the targets in the new Local Area Agreement for Lancashire. We have also provided actual figures against those targets we are aiming for Rosendale's performance to be 'above average' of that achieved by English Councils.
- 4.5 The actions and projects that were completed during 2007/8 will come out of the plan and new projects that have already been agreed will be added. Likewise, the corporate risk register has been amended to reflect the changes to risk profiles and to include new strategic risks that have been identified.
- 4.6 Section 8 of the plan, ' Organising ourselves to deliver our priorities' is being substantially amended to reflect the new organisational structure of the Council.
- 4.7 As last year the individual Business Plans, which have been approved by relevant Portfolio Holders will feed the Corporate Improvement Plan. Factual data such as BVPI's outturns & 3 year targets will be incorporated, under a specific delegation, when available in line with the statutory timescales and we are on course to achieve this deadline.
- 4.8 The plan will be monitored in a similar way to the current version, using Covalent, the Council's performance system, to do this on a consistent basis across all services.

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5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

5.1 The Corporate Plan is a key strategic document and is used by the Council in allocating and directing its financial resources.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 This is a very important strategic document dealing with all issues of importance to the Council.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

7.1 There are no particular Human Resource implications as a result of this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 The adoption of the new Corporate Plan will clearly demonstrate to all the Council's stakeholders, the areas in which it intends to direct its time, effort and resources to achieve the Council's priorities. By making progress against these priorities the Council will ultimately, achieve the objectives the Council has set itself, most of which are shared with a range of other organisations through the borough's Local Strategic Partnership.

8.2 A draft of the Corporate Plan is nearing completion, and will be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting on the 11th of June.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 The Cabinet is recommended to agree the proposed format and structure of the Council's Corporate Plan and that further changes be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council prior to submission to Full Council.

9.2 Full Council are recommended to approve the Corporate Plan including the Best Value Performance Plan.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Chief Executive, Director of Resources, All Head of Services, Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Performance Management.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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Background Papers	
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