



REPORT TO: COUNCIL

DATE: 9 JULY 2015

REPORT OF THE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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TITLE OF REPORT: THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES 2015-20

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the delivery against the Council's priorities in 2014/15 to committee, highlight the challenges facing the Council for the next 12 months and to reaffirm the Aims and Strategic objectives of the Council Business Plan for 2015/16 within this context. The Council Plan is attached at Annex A

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members note the progress made by the Council in delivering its priorities in 2014/15 and the challenges to be faced in 2015/16
- 2.2 That members agree the Aims and Strategic Objectives of the Council Business Plan for 2015/20 as attached at Annex A.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council Business Plan sets the strategic priorities for the Council for 2015 to 2020. The aims and strategic objectives are reviewed by members annually.
- 3.2 Members of the Council review the progress being made in delivering the Council's priorities at every committee cycle. This report is the annual review and is an element of the Council's performance management arrangements.

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4.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 The Council Business Plan has been revised following a review of the context in which the Council is operating, the Council's delivery of its priorities in 2014/15 and the challenges facing Ryedale in the next 5 years.

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT

- 5.1 The Council Business Plan is the key policy statement of the Council and is complimented by other plans such as the Financial Strategy and Service Delivery Plans and strategies. Links to these can be found in the document attached at annex A.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Council engages with the communities it represents throughout the year and in relation to all policy development. The intelligence gathered from all engagement activities informs the delivery of the Council Business Plan and the annual budget process.
- 6.2 This report has been considered by each of the Council's committees ahead of its consideration by Council.

7.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 7.1 The following priorities are proposed for the Council Business Plan for 2015-20 which is attached at Annex A :

Aim 1: To create the conditions for economic success

Strategic Objectives:

1. Place of opportunity – economic structure and supporting infrastructure
2. Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels through the provision of more and better jobs

Aim 2: To meet housing need

Strategic Objectives:

3. To change and add to housing stock to meet the local housing needs
4. To support people to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home

Aim 3: To have a high quality clean and sustainable environment

Strategic Objectives:

5. Reducing waste - sustain existing high levels of dry recycling, promotion of home composting and monitoring the impact of charging for green waste
6. To protect and improve the quality of our local environment

Aim 4: To have safe and active communities

Strategic Objectives:

7. Working with partners, statutory and VCS, to improve health and wellbeing of communities

Aim 5: To transform the Council

Strategic Objectives:

8. To understand our communities and meet their needs
9. To develop the leadership, capacity and capability to deliver future improvements, considering options for alternative modes of delivery.

- 7.2 The work undertaken in reviewing the Council Business Plan includes:
- Review of the context in which the Council operates taking into account comparative data from a wide variety of sources.
 - Review of the Council's performance in delivering its priorities and the key performance indicators used to monitor and report performance to members
 - Analysis of the feedback received from consultation undertaken

- Consideration of the challenges which may face the place of Ryedale and its communities and the Council itself in the next 5 years

7.3 Progress in delivering the Council's priorities is reported quarterly to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These reports are complimented by the Revenue Budget Monitoring reports also submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee. These reports are available on the Councils website and contribute to the delivery of the transparency agenda for local government.

7.4 The Councils Business Plan is attached at Annex A.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The following implications have been identified:

a) Financial

There are no new financial implications in considering this report which are not accounted for in the Financial Strategy.

b) Legal

There are no significant legal implications arising from this report

c) Other

There are no significant other implications arising from this report.

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Background Papers:

Council Plan 2009 -13

Delivering the Council Plan Reports – Reported quarterly to Policy and Resources Committee

Background Papers are available for inspection at:

www.ryedale.gov.uk

