

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 8th September 2022

**Subject:** Approval of The Corporate Plan

**Report by:** Chief Executive

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** NO

**Full Council decision:** NO

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**1. Purpose of report**

1.1 To seek approval from Cabinet for the updated Council's Corporate Plan - 2022-23.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 Cabinet is recommended:**

- a) To approve the updated Council's Corporate Plan - 2022-23 (see Appendix 1)
- b) To note that the plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to supporting the achievement of the Vision for Portsmouth that has previously been agreed with partners as well as demonstrating how the Council is delivering for the residents of Portsmouth in these challenging times
- c) To agree that delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive to make minor changes to the draft document prior to publication

**3. Background**

3.1 Last year's Corporate Plan had a focus on the recovery from the covid pandemic and dealing with the climate crisis but all within the context of the agreed City Vision. The updated Council's Corporate Plan, 2022-23 is still strongly aligned with the medium-term vision but also has a focus around responding to the current situation facing Portsmouth residents and the city.

3.2 The updated plan sets out a mission for the Council to work together with partners and communities to stand up for Portsmouth, take action to improve the city and the lives of our residents, and tackle the climate crisis. The plan then details priorities for each of the three elements of the mission for the Council. These priorities are as follows:



- **We will stand up for Portsmouth - priorities**
  - support people during the cost-of-living crisis
  - work with partners to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour
  - ensure access to health services
  - have a strong voice in our region
  
- **We will improve lives - priorities**
  - deliver major improvement projects
  - deliver new, affordable homes
  - improve transport
  - help people live independent, healthy lives
  - ensure access to cultural and leisure opportunities
  
- **We will tackle the climate crisis - priorities**
  - reduce our carbon impact
  - support people to take positive action
  - encourage wider environmental responsibility
  - make the city green

3.3 The heart of the plan is about providing the services that residents value. The updated plan shows that our residents rely on us to:

- ensure older people and vulnerable adults are looked after and supported to live independently
- maintain our roads, parks, open spaces and buildings
- offer housing services
- support education, early years and children with special educational needs
- keep children safe and families together
- encourage economic development
- provide planning
- support culture, museums and libraries
- provide benefits and collect council tax and business rates
- collect their bins and provide recycling services
- keep the city cleaner
- Our residents also need us to provide support services to enable the organisation to run as efficiently and effectively as possible

3.4 The Corporate Plan brings all these elements together and shows how everything links. The Plan also describes how we will monitor the progress we are making towards achieving our mission and priorities.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

4.1 The Corporate Plan has been updated to reflect the current issues facing the city, but it is still aligned to the City Vision. Cabinet is being asked to approve this draft plan and to note the links with the City Vision. Delegated authority to

the Chief Executive is requested to enable any final changes to the draft document including minor changes to the text and to the format of the document.

**5. Integrated impact assessment**

5.1 No integrated impact assessment has been undertaken because the individual projects and key activities within the plan will be subject to their own assessments.

**6. Legal implications**

There are no legal implications specifically associated with this report. Any projects undertaken will be subject to their own assessments.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

There are no direct financial implications associated with approval of this report. The strategies to achieve the plan and any projects that flow from this will be subject to their own individual financial assessments.

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Signed by:

David Williams

Chief Executive

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Corporate Plan - 2022-23.

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

None

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by: