



Title of meeting: Cabinet
Date of meeting: 25th July 2023
Subject: Approval of The Corporate Plan
Report by: Corporate Strategy Manager
Wards affected: All
Key decision: NO
Full Council decision: NO

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To seek approval from Cabinet for the updated Council's Corporate Plan - 2023-24.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Cabinet is recommended:

- a) To approve the updated Council's Corporate Plan - 2023-24 (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 2022-23 was strongly aligned with the medium-term vision but also had a focus around responding to the immediate context that was facing Portsmouth residents and the city as there continued to be recovery from the pandemic.

3.2 The plan for 2023/24 represents an evolution of this plan to pick up the progress that has been made of many of the issues identified in the 2022/23 plan and refreshes the missions for the Council to work together with partners and communities to be a champion for our city and improve the lives of our residents, and to protect and enhance our environment, tackling the causes of climate change and creating a green city.

3.3 In summary, these are:

We will improve the lives of our residents - priorities:

- support individuals and families struggling to make ends meet
- make sure people feel safe and supported in their homes and communities
- ensure people have access to the health and care services they need
- work with partners, including Portsmouth's schools, to improve educational attainment and opportunities for children and young people in the city
- create homes, jobs and economic opportunities in the city, including by regenerating major sites
- make sure our residents have the housing they need
- put culture at the heart of our city's success

We will protect and enhance our environment - priorities:

- reduce our own carbon emissions
- help residents and business reduce their carbon emissions
- prioritise sustainable travel and improve transport systems in the city to reduce the environmental impact and improve journey times
- ensure that the city has a healthy and resilient natural environment
- reduce the waste generated by the city, and make sure we dispose of our waste responsibly

We will be a champion for our city - priorities:

- We will ensure Portsmouth is a city equipped for the future and that residents have the skills they need
- get the best possible deal for our residents by lobbying and leading at a regional and national level to make sure the city's voice is heard
- be an innovative and efficient organisation that values its staff and is at the front of new developments so we are learning and delivering the best possible services

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 transport infrastructure, parks, open spaces and buildings
- Offer housing services
- Support education, early years and children with special educational needs
- Keep children safe and families together
- Improve the health and emotional wellbeing of residents



- Encourage economic development
- Provide planning services
- Support culture, museums and libraries
- Provide benefits and collect council tax and business rates
- Collect their bins and offer recycling opportunities
- Keep the city clean, tidy and safe
- Maintain support services and roles that enable the organisation to run efficiently and effectively and enable staff working on the frontline to focus on delivering services for our residents and communities.

3.4 The Corporate Plan brings all these elements together and shows how everything links up.

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:

Paddy May

Corporate Strategy Manager



Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Corporate Plan - 2023-24.

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: