



Report of:	Meeting	Date
Marianne Hesketh, Corporate Director Communities	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	17 January 2022

Refreshed Business Plan 2019-2023 (Update 2022)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To provide the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the draft Business Plan for 2019-2023 (updated for 2022) for consideration.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1** To ensure that medium and long term resources and service provision are prioritised and planned in accordance with the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), the aspirations of local residents, local research and data and the national policy framework.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1** To consider the draft business plan for 2019-2023, which has been updated for 2022, prior to seeking Council approval at the meeting on 10 March 2022.

4. Background

- 4.1** Each year, the Council produces a Business Plan. The Business Plan is a key document in the business planning framework and its purpose is to set out the Council's vision and priorities in line with the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The council has effective performance management arrangements in place which ensures that progress against the Business Plan is reported on a quarterly basis. This includes the involvement and support of Overview and Scrutiny Committee who receive quarterly performance review reports.

- 4.2** Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service held a session in early November 2021 to review the business plan. This time the focus has been on ensuring that the business plan priorities and projects help to address the climate emergency. The draft plan has been discussed

with Management Board and will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee before proceeding to full Council for approval in March.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The Business Plan covers a four year period which has been developed to align with the four year election cycle. A new style plan was developed in 2019 and this format has been retained for the 2022 update. The vision and themes remain the same but this time the priorities and projects have been refreshed with a greater focus on climate change and ensuring that the council is taking positive action to address the climate emergency. The plan also continues to ensure that we support economic recovery following the pandemic. The updated plan is attached at Appendix 1. The updated plan will continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis and reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 5.2** It is intended to present the final business plan to full Council on 10 March 2022.

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Appendix 1 - Business Plan 2019-2023 (updated 2022)