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SUBJECT: WARD (S)	CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM08
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the process to review and update the Council's Corporate Plan is considered and approved by Elected Members.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To note the summary of the Corporate Plan 2009/15, its importance in guiding the direction of the Council and the steps being taken to set a vision and strategy for the next five years.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Corporate Plan sets out our values and vision for South Derbyshire and defines our priorities for delivering services. It describes how we will work with partners to improve the quality of life of residents, community groups and businesses.

3.2 Our most current Plan, underpinned by a detailed evidence base, ran from 2009/14 before being extended by an additional year. It has provided direction and a sense of purpose for making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit.

3.3 During these six years, we have been guided by four themes, with our budget prioritised to help deliver in these areas:

- Theme 1 - Sustainable growth and opportunity
- Theme 2 - Safe and secure
- Theme 3 - Lifestyle choices
- Theme 4 - Value for money

3.4 Progress against performance measures and projects sitting under each of these headings is reported to Elected Members on a quarterly basis, with the Corporate Plan refreshed and updated annually to ensure it remains current.

- 3.5 There have been notable successes within the themes, including enhancing the vitality of the District's Town Centre and villages (sustainable growth and opportunity), reducing crime levels (safe and secure), improved leisure facilities (lifestyle choices) and efficiency measures such as the Paperlite Strategy (Value for Money).
- 3.6 At the end of the 2014/15 financial year, there were 26 projects and 41 measures to guide us. Of the projects, 19 were achieved, 4 failed and 3 were no longer applicable or abandoned. In terms of measurables, 19 were achieved, 9 failed, 10 were proxy and 3 were no longer applicable.
- 3.7 There were a variety of reasons why projects and measures were abandoned or no longer applicable, from data not being available to deferrals pending the outcome of business cases to being dependent on other factors. This is reflective of the changing nature of Local Government and this is something we need to consider moving forwards.
- 3.8 Now is a natural time to take stock of our achievements. The Corporate Plan has offered a strong foundation upon which to build during austere times. It is important that we continue with a strong strategic direction and it is recommended that we move towards adopting our blueprint and the things we want to be known for over the next five years.
- 3.9 Initial ideas put forward by Lead Members and Officers indicate that the four themes currently used are still relevant and offer a starting point upon which to build.
- 3.10 Background evidence will now be collated before four workshops, one for each theme, are held towards the end of September to allow Elected Members and Officers to consider how performance targets are offset against the opportunities/challenges ahead. Consultation will be considered during this part of the process.
- 3.11 To coincide with this, our External Auditors, the Central Midlands Audit Partnership, are set to conduct a review to identify that suitable governance arrangements are in place for the successful management and monitoring of data quality throughout the Authority. This will ensure robust processes and adequate quality checks are in place.
- 3.12 The new look Corporate Plan will be presented to the Finance and Management Committee by the end of the year. In the meantime, it should be noted that progress for Quarters One and Two will be measured against performance targets set in the Council's Corporate Plan for period 2009 –2015.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None directly

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's strategic objectives, priorities, measures and targets, along with key actions we will take to implement the key aims. The Plan provides a framework for us to develop service plans and for allocation of resources through the budget process.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 All activities contained within the Corporate Plan complement our vision of making 'South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'.