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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members instructions are requested in relation to the Council's Vision and Key Aims and the process by which the Corporate Plan 2006/09 will be developed.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The report seeks the views of Members about the content of the Council's next Corporate Plan and the process by which it will be developed.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council's Corporate Plan details our Vision, Guiding Principles, Key Aims and Underlying Themes. These elements shape the direction of the Council and the services we deliver to the community. The document also details the milestones we plan to achieve in the first year together with planned outcomes over a 3-year period. In that sense it is a medium term business plan for the Council.

Service Plans in each service area detail how the corporate priorities will be delivered in each service area together with operational improvements at a service level.

3.2 The majority group have indicated to officers that the development of their local manifesto provides an opportunity to review the Corporate Plan in the context of their vision and aspirations for the community. This report raises the topic of the Council's next Corporate Plan within the appropriate Policy Committee. Whilst the Corporate Plan requires approval by full Council, the development of any proposals are within the Terms of Reference of this committee.

3.3 It would be appropriate to consult stakeholders about any significant proposed changes to the Corporate Plan and therefore it is suggested that a revised draft plan is produced before the next round of area meetings. It would be convenient therefore if a draft for consultation could be approved by this committee at its' meeting on 24 October, before the next round of area meetings in November.

3.4 There is a range of options available to the Council for the development of the new plan involving joint working between members and officers with external support and facilitation if required. Organisations like IDeA, SOLACE and INLOGOV (Birmingham University) provide support and facilitation in this type of development activity. Members' views are sought on the development process and the desired level of support for Members, both from officers and external agencies.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 Broadly speaking there are no financial implications arising from this report. If Members desire external support for this process, it is anticipated that the costs would be contained within existing budgets.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The Corporate Plan is a key element of the Council's Performance Management Framework. It links the vision and aspirations of the Council, which are grounded in the community and the democratic process, with our improvement and service delivery plans. It is important that the Corporate Plan is developed in a way that adheres to good governance processes and reflects the priorities of the community.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The Corporate Plan is an important Council document and the process by which it is developed is important. Members' views are key to making the plan a success in delivering and meeting the community's aspirations.