

Decision Report – Cabinet decision

13th May 2019

County Council Business Plan 2019-20

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr David Fothergill – Leader of the Council

Division and Local Member(s): All

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	Seen by:	Name	Date
	County Solicitor	Honor Clarke	29 th April 2019
	Monitoring Officer	Scott Wooldridge	29 th April 2019
	Corporate Finance	Sheila Collins	30 th April 2019
	Human Resources	Chris Squire	23 rd April 2019
	Property	Paula Hewitt / Claire Lovett	24 th April 2019
	Procurement / ICT	Simon Clifford	18 th April 2019
	Senior Manager	Patrick Flaherty	1 st May 2019
	Commissioning Development	Vikki Hearn	18 th April 2019
	Local Member(s)	All	18 th April 2019
	Cabinet Member	Cllr David Fothergill	23 rd April 2019
	Opposition Spokesperson	Cllr Jane Lock	18 th April 2019
	Relevant Scrutiny Chairman	Cllr Leigh Redman (Scrutiny Children and Families)	26 th April 2019
		Cllr Hazel Prior-Sankey (Scrutiny Adults and Health)	24 th April 2019
		Cllr Anna Groskop (Scrutiny for Policies and Place)	5 th April 2019
Forward Plan Reference:	FP/19/03/02		
Summary:	<p>Somerset County Council's Business Plan for 2019-20 states what the County Council will aim to achieve with partners and communities over the coming year to deliver the County Council Vision.</p> <p>The Business Plan was originally approved in 2018, a refresh exercise has taken place to develop a 2019/20 version.</p> <p>Once approved, the existing Business Plan interactive website that promotes the work of the Council to the public and partners, will be updated.</p> <p>A review of performance monitoring arrangements to ensure the measures we use to track the progress of the Business Plan will also take place following approval.</p>		

<p>Recommendations:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approves the Business Plan 2019/20 as the County Council’s vehicle for delivering the County Council Vision, subject to activities included in the Business Plan going through the Council’s decision-making processes as required. 2. That Cabinet endorses the requirement for all Council decisions and impact assessments to have regard to the Business Plan.
<p>Reasons for Recommendations:</p>	<p>These recommendations have been made so that the council can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus its work on delivering the County Council Vision and “improve lives”; • Address the challenges faced by the County and embrace the opportunities; • Demonstrate transparency with the public and partners; and • Improve service planning, financial management and performance. <p>The Business Plan is forward-looking meaning some activities will require further work to determine feasibility (for example financial, resource, partnership) before any decision to proceed is taken.</p>
<p>Links to Priorities and Impact on Service Plans:</p>	<p>It is anticipated that the refreshed Business Plan will impact positively across the Council by creating a framework for delivering the County Council Vision.</p> <p>The Business Plan reflects and through the website connects the policies, strategies and plans of the Council, including the Social Value Policy.</p> <p>The Business Plan will support stronger, more integrated Service Planning and work under way to refresh Corporate performance reporting.</p>
<p>Consultations and co-production undertaken:</p>	<p>The Business Plan 2019-20 will be publicly available, however it is designed as an internal document.</p> <p>Consultation has therefore been with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet; • Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee; • Scrutiny for Children and Families • Scrutiny for Adults and Health • Directors (individually and through Senior Leadership Team meetings); • Director Management Teams;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific / key teams and individuals. <p>The refresh of the Business Plan to develop the 2019/20 version has been undertaken with each of these groups to ensure the Business Plan reflects the outcomes being sought across the Council.</p> <p>For each activity or project in the Business Plan, specific consultations including public consultation will be undertaken as appropriate.</p>												
Financial Implications:	None: The Business Plan does not in itself deliver projects, programmes and activities and everything in the Plan is there subject to funding being available and approved.												
Legal Implications:	None: The Business Plan does not in itself deliver projects, programmes and activities.												
HR Implications:	None: The Business Plan does not in itself deliver projects, programmes and activities.												
Risk Implications:	Not applicable to the Business Plan.												
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Other Implications (including due regard implications):	<p>The Equalities Manager has confirmed that no Equalities Impact Assessment is necessary for the Business Plan.</p> <p>The projects, programmes and activities referred to in the Business Plan will be (or have been) subject to appropriate impact assessments on an individual basis.</p>												
Scrutiny comments / recommendation (if any):	<p>Scrutiny for Policies and Place Committee considered and commented on the draft 2019/20 Business Plan on 5th April 2019. The Committee asked if reference to earned income can be made more apparent in the Business Plan. Consequently, an activity in the 'Effective and Resilient delivery' section of the Business Plan has been amended to include reference to optimising income from existing assets.</p> <p>Scrutiny for Children and Families considered the draft 2019/20 Business Plan on 26th April 2019 and did not identify any required amendments to the Business Plan.</p> <p>Scrutiny for Adults and Health will consider the draft 2019/20 Business Plan on 8th May 2019 and any comments or recommendations made will be highlighted at the Cabinet meeting.</p>												

1. Background

- 1.1. The County Vision is all about improving lives in Somerset by creating:
 - A thriving and productive County that is ambitious and confident;
 - A County of resilient, well-connected and compassionate communities working to reduce inequalities;
 - A County where all partners actively work together for the benefit of our residents, communities and businesses and the environment in which we all live; and
 - A County that provides you with right information, advice and guidance to help you help yourself and targets support to those who need it most.
- 1.2. Somerset County Council's Business Plan states what the County Council will aim to achieve with partners and communities to deliver the County Vision. The Business Plan is flexible to change and will remain in line with any new or proposed new county vision.
- 1.3. The Business Plan was originally approved in 2018, a refresh exercise has taken place to develop a 2019/20 version.
- 1.4. Once approved the existing Business Plan interactive website that promotes the work of the Council to the public and partners, will be updated.
- 1.5. The performance reporting arrangements will also be reviewed to ensure that the measures used to track the progress of the Business Plan are effective.

2. Options considered and reasons for rejecting them

- 2.1. No alternative options have been considered; a commitment was made during the development of the Business Plan 2018/19 to refresh the Plan on an annual basis.

3. Background Papers

- 3.1. Business Plan 2018-19 Microsite: <http://www.somerset.digital/businessplan/>
County Vision: <http://intranet.somerset.gov.uk/planning-and-performance/strategic-planning/our-county-vision/>