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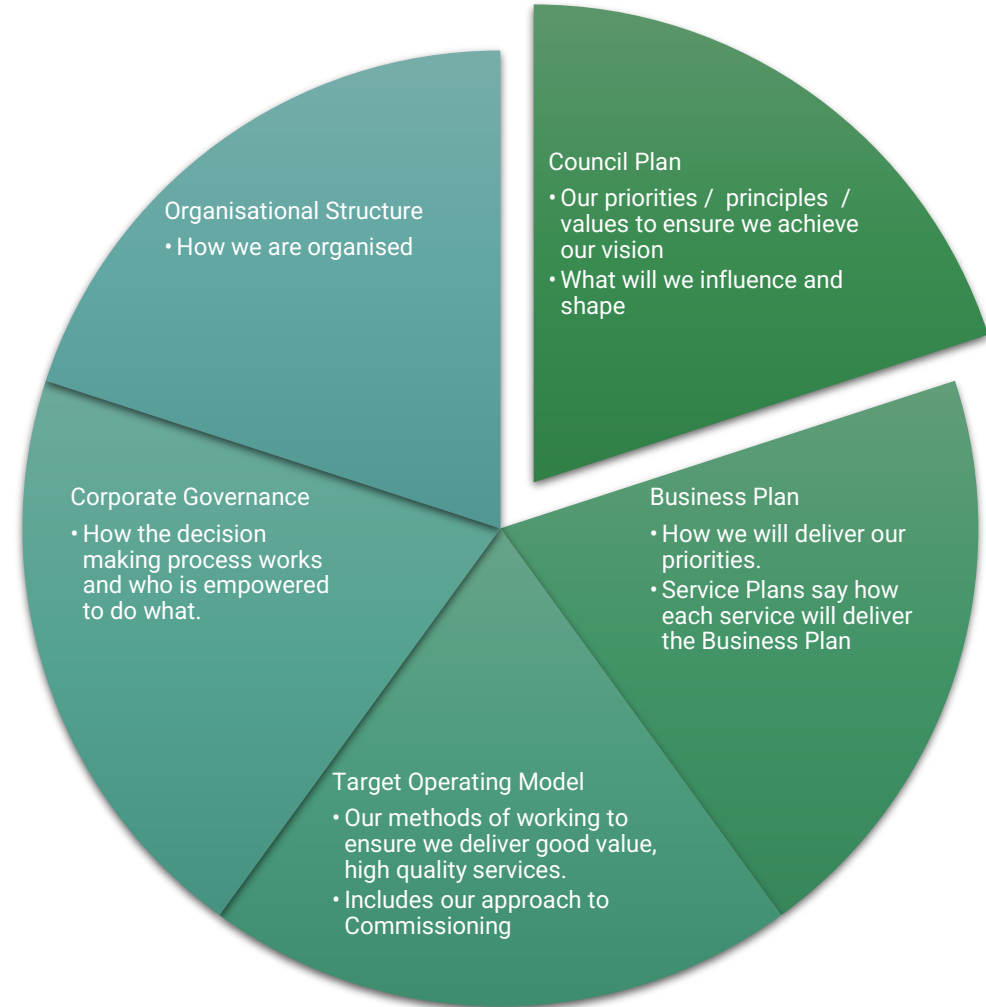
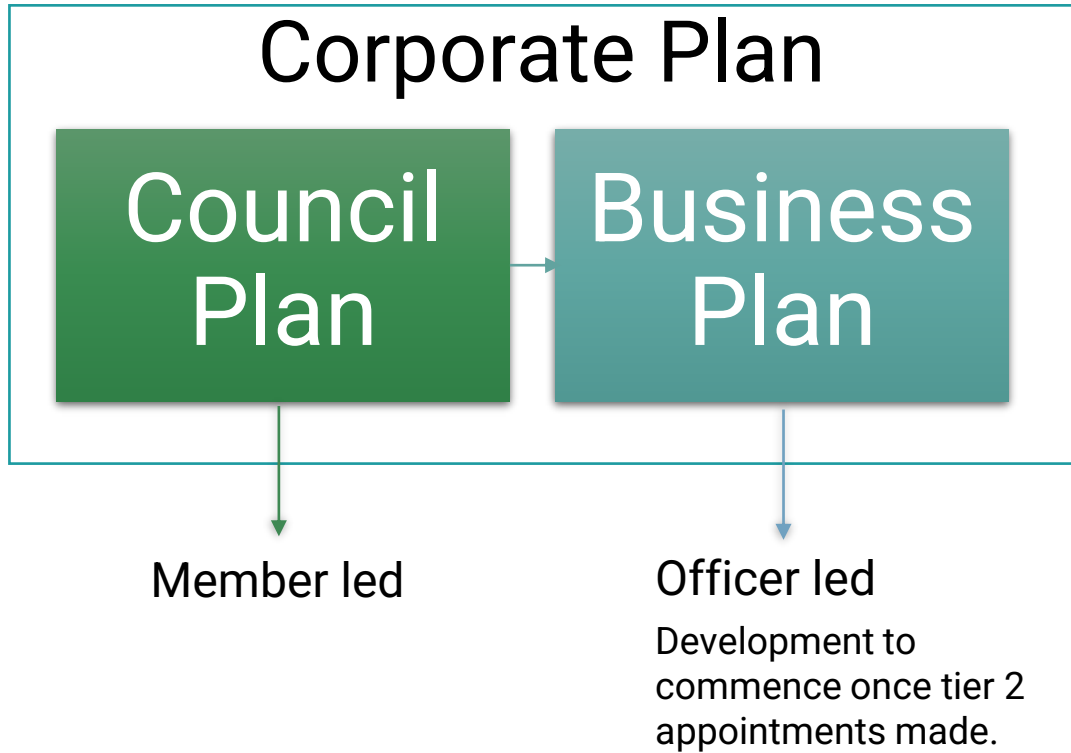
New Somerset Council

Draft Council Plan

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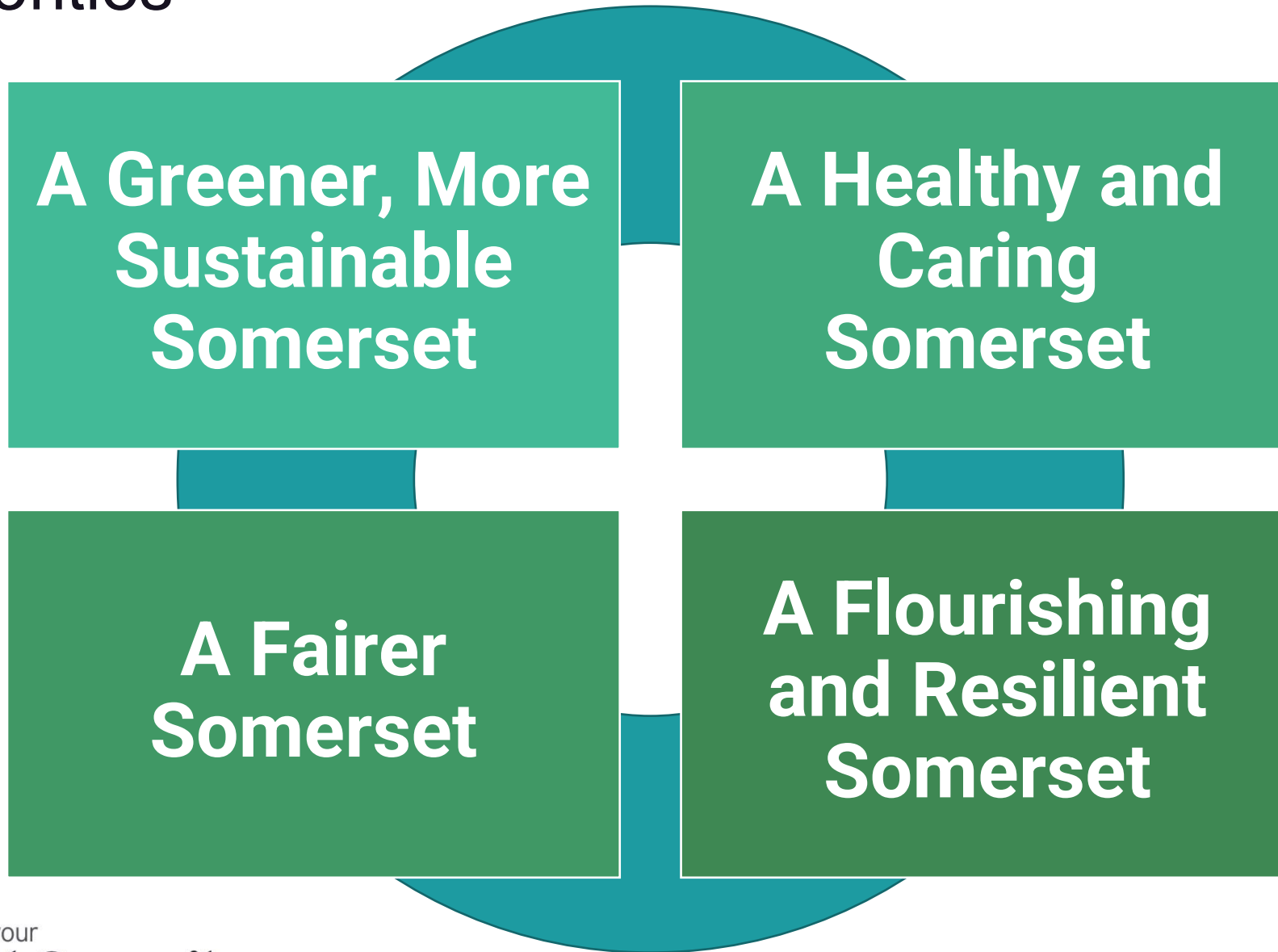
Council Plan Context



Development steps and Milestones

- ✓ Initial meetings with Leader and Deputy re shape and content of plan
- ✓ Engagement with District Council Senior leads group
- ✓ Individual meetings with Lead Members and Senior officers
- ✓ PSG workshop 20th October
- ✓ Workshop with Exec / SLT - 24th October
- ✓ Working draft developed – Comms team engaged
- ✓ Lib Dem all member meeting 6th November
- ✓ LGR Programme Board – 8th November
- ✓ Lead and Deputy Leader Feedback 9th November
- Draft “Peer review ready” early December
- Draft to Joint Scrutiny 8th December
- Final draft to Executive for sign off to start engagement 14th December
- Engagement with key stakeholders –January
- Final sign off Executive / SLT 6th February
- Council 22nd February

Draft Priorities



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A Greener, More Sustainable Somerset

- Ensure that addressing both climate and ecological emergencies are integrated into all areas of work, including housing and planning policies, transport, economic development and access
- Protect habitats and restore biodiversity, using policies and voice to support and encourage others to do the same.
- Active travel options, including walking and cycling, for local journeys and an effective public transport system that meets the needs of more of our residents
- Preserve our cultural heritage for present and future generations, with an integrated approach to achieving our climate change goals.

A Healthy and Caring Somerset

- Promoting wellbeing as a part of our prevention strategy to help people live full and healthy lives for as long as they are able
- Influence the type of services that are available in each community so that they best match local needs
- Recognise the value of carers who are family members and are committed to supporting them to maintain their own health and wellbeing
- Assist those people who want to help their community and to encourage those who struggle with time or commitments to do what they can
- Development of the Local Community Networks

A Fairer Somerset

- To do whatever we can to reduce the inequalities that cause these disparities, so that everyone in Somerset can live their lives as they choose.
- Help significantly reduce number of children who experience poverty.
- Access to good schools, colleges, further education, and higher education
- Be innovative in our approach to housing
- Improve access to local jobs and services, and to the beautiful Somerset countryside
- Contacts with the council are user friendly, promoting a culture of trust and reliability
- Develop an inclusive culture for all our residents

A Flourishing and Resilient Somerset

- Promote Somerset at a regional, national and international level, promoting the wealth of opportunities to bring investment and highly skilled, well-paid jobs for Somerset people
- Promote Somerset as a destination on the national and global stage
- influence and drive support for improving connectivity to those parts of the county that need it the most
- improve the equity of access to opportunities, both physically and digitally

Principles / Values

- A responsible council
- A listening, empowering council
- A council with evidence based and open decision making
- A collaborative council; and
- An enterprising council.

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