



## Strategic Plan

### Report from Leader of the Council

#### Purpose of this Report

The report presents the refreshed Council Strategic Plan (2017/18 to 2020/21)

#### Background

The Strategic Plan (Appendix 1) is the foundation for the Council, setting out how the work of the Council fits together, with its partners, to make a difference to the lives of local residents, businesses and communities. The Cabinet uses the priorities in developing its budget proposals, both in terms of identifying areas of service delivery that it wishes to protect and identifying options for delivering savings. The Strategic Plan and aligned business plans are the key planning framework to clearly identify the Council's priorities and deliverables.

The Council carries out an annual review of the strategic plan to take account of local and national developments and ensure that it remains fit for purpose. Reflections began with the County Council debate at the Annual General Meeting in May 2016. Since then work has continued to analyse the Council's important issues, the results of public consultation with residents and local organisations along with the changing national policy. A Member workshop was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January and Council unanimously agreed the strategic plan priorities on 16<sup>th</sup> February.

The Strategic Plan remains focused around three key themes:

- Safeguarding Our Vulnerable
- Creating Opportunities and Building Self Reliance
- Ensuring Buckinghamshire Thriving and Attractive

Along with an underpinning commitment to deliver value for money

2017 will bring unprecedented challenges in terms of public finances, our democracy and delivering local services. Local government must rise to those challenges and may well be the key to overcoming them. The Council's refreshed Strategic Plan for 2017-2021 acknowledges these local and national changes.

A short annual report (appendix 2) captures key achievements and allows others to see the direction of travel. The plan is a web based document that allows links to strategies and key plans.

### RECOMMENDATION

**Council is asked to AGREE the Strategic Plan set out in Appendix 1**

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**