

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
CABINET (1st July 2014)**

Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report

JOINT BUSINESS PLAN 2014-19

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet are asked to approve the draft Joint Business Plan 2014-2019.

Relationship to Council Objectives

Italics

Implications

(i) *None*

Financial Implications

The Joint Business Plan complements the budgeting process and has close links to the medium-term financial strategy. It affects the budget planning process by setting the priorities for the future.

Risk Implications

The Joint Business Plan includes strategic risks. Business planning helps to alleviate risk through ensuring each service unit is aware of how their work fits into the work of the Council and is closely linked to the needs of the community.

Equalities Implications

An Integrated Impact Assessment, including Equalities, was conducted on the Joint Business Plan and showed no adverse impacts.

Sustainability Implications

An Integrated Impact Assessment, including Equalities, was conducted on the Joint Business Plan and showed no adverse impacts.

Report

- 1 Purpose of this Report
 - 1.1 To seek approval for the draft Joint Business Plan 2014 – 19, which replaces Chiltern’s Aims and Objectives 2012-14 document.
 - 2 Background
 - 2.1 Historically, Chiltern published an Aims and Objectives document. This took a steer from the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), which is the overarching aims and objectives document covering all partners.
 - 2.3 Chiltern Cabinet reviewed the Council’s the aims and objectives for 2014-18, which fed into the development of this Joint Business Plan with South Bucks District Council.
 - 2.5 Local Authorities are moving away from having a Corporate Plan or Aims and Objectives document, towards having a business plan. This was as a result of a KPMG report published in 2011, outlining what a future brilliant local authority will look like. The executive summary includes: “Frame a commercial business plan for the council and deploy a new operating model to deliver it;” with the full section recommending a 3 to 5 year business plan focusing on residents and customer base segmentation, performance targets, the relationship between inputs, outputs and measurable outcome targets. It also suggests that the Business Plan either includes or has strong links to the Financial Plan.
 - 2.6 With the annual refresh of the Aims and Objectives document, the opportunity was taken to bring the process in line with best practice guidance in the form of a Business Plan and joining it up across Chiltern and South Bucks Districts to support the shared services programme.
 - 3 Discussion
 - 3.1 The Business Plan is attached as Appendix B. The vision, values, risks, key facts for each District and performance management framework are refreshed versions of what is in place today. Whilst the actions to deliver the objectives and values have been taken from the already approved 2014-15 Service Plans
 - 3.2 New sections have been added to reflect the shared service programme, organisational changes and roles and responsibilities, as well as Appendix C, summarising what each Council tier is responsible for.
 - 3.3 It is complemented with a separate one page aims and objectives summary, attached as Appendix A. For Chiltern District, this was signed off by Cabinet and went out with Council Tax Notices earlier this year.
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