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## **CDC Services Overview Committee**

#### Tuesday, 24th January, 2017 at 6.30 pm

#### Large & Small Committee Room, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham

#### AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedures
- 2 Minutes (Pages 5 10)
   To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2016
- 3 Apologies for Absence
- 4 Declarations of Interest
- 5 28 Day Notice (Pages 11 12) Appendix: CDC Cabinet 28 Day Notice (Pages 13 - 18)
- 6 Service Plan Summaries 2017/2018 (Pages 19 22) Appendix A: Chiltern and South Bucks Combined Service Plan Summaries (Pages 23 - 124)
- 7 Exclusion of the Public

To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

- 8 Private reports :
- 9 Chiltern Pools Feasibility Study (Pages 125 134) Appendix 1 - Public Consultation Report (Pages 135 - 178)
- **Note:** All Reports will be updated orally at the meeting if appropriate and may be supplemented by additional reports at the Chairman's discretion.

#### Membership: CDC Services Overview Committee

Councillors: J A Burton (Chairman) L M Smith D J Bray E A Culverhouse M Flys A S Hardie C J Jackson P M Jones S A Patel C J Rouse J J Rush M W Titterington N I Varley (Vice-Chairman) E A Walsh

Date of next meeting – Tuesday, 21 March 2017

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Item 2

#### **CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### MINUTES of the Meeting of the CDC SERVICES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE held on 29 NOVEMBER 2016

<b>PRESENT</b> :	Councillor	J A Burton	
	11	N I Varley	

- Chairman - Vice Chairman

Councillors: L M Smith M Flys P M Jones E A Walsh

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillors A S Hardie, C J Jackson and C J Rouse

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**: Councillors J Cook and J E MacBean

#### 15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

#### 16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 17 28 DAY NOTICE

At the previous meeting the Committee received a report which provided information regarding the recycling performance of the joint waste contract.

Regular update reports on this topic were requested for future meetings. Members were particularly keen to understand what progress had been made on the provision of a recycling guide explaining which bin to use for different waste streams. For example, residents were often unsure which bin to use to dispose of old light bulbs.

#### **RESOLVED**:

1. That the 28 Day Notice for the Cabinet meeting on 13 December 2016 be noted.

# 2. That regular update reports on the recycling performance of the joint waste contract be received by the Services Overview Committee.

#### 18 Q2 PERFORMANCE REPORTS 2016-17

The Committee received a report providing information on the performance of Council services against performance indicators and service objectives between July and September 2016.

Further detail was requested explaining why the target for the percentage of calls to the ICT helpdesk that were resolved within agreed timescales had been missed.

Members were pleased to note the overall performance of the Council.

#### **RESOLVED:**

#### That the performance report be noted.

#### 19 CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FRAMEWORK

The Committee received a report attaching the Councils' proposed temporary accommodation framework. The framework had been developed following a recent case at the Supreme Court which required all Councils to have a clear statement on how it secured and allocated temporary accommodation.

Members felt the document provided useful information such as the high demand for temporary accommodation. It was noted that appeals on officer decisions relating to homelessness applications were then reviewed by the Council's Appeals and Complaints Committee. Any further appeal would be considered by the High Court. In response to a question it was noted that the Homelessness policy and guidance was updated following any changes to case law.

In response to questions from the Committee, it was noted that the Council aimed to move homeless households on to alternative self-contained accommodation as soon as possible, but within 6 weeks. This could be longer in exceptional circumstances, for example whilst an appeal was being determined. On average 30 units of temporary accommodation were in use at one time. Occasionally the Council had to use bed and breakfast accommodation, but this would only be in certain circumstances.

One Member referred to a recent fire and queried why a local family had been split up and provided with temporary accommodation in different locations. In response it was noted that the Council allocated temporary accommodation based on what was available, and sometimes, due to a shortage of larger 4 bed properties, it was necessary to split larger families up.

The Council aimed to prevent homelessness as much as possible. It also had a target to deliver 33 additional units of affordable housing this year. An Affordable Housing Members Working Group had also been set up to look at identifying sites for additional affordable housing.

#### **RESOLVED:**

#### That the draft Cabinet report be noted.

#### 20 GREEN HOUSE GAS REPORT

Members considered a report that presented a summary of the greenhouse gas emissions for the Council which would be published on the Council's website. It was noted that there had been an increase in emissions in comparison to the previous year particularly due to high occupancy of King George V House. This was partly offset by the generation of electricity from the building's photo voltaic panels.

In response to a question regarding the reintroduction of recording diesel, as well as petrol, for staff mileage claims, it was noted that an officer steering group would be setup to look at developing a sustainable development strategy. The group would aim to put in place CO<sub>2</sub> reducing actions. It was anticipated that the strategy would be in place by Autumn 2017, however, some actions could be implemented more quickly.

A report had recently been considered by the Corporate Asset Management Group considering an increase in car park capacity at King George V House. It was suggested that if any trees were removed from the car park that they be replaced elsewhere to ensure the Council leads by example in promoting environmental protection.

Regarding the drop in electricity generated from the Council's photo voltaic (PV) panels it was noted that following investigation it had been identified that some of the PV panels on Chesham leisure centre were not working correctly and these had since been reinstalled.

During the discussion it was identified that because the Council was responsible for all emissions that derived from any of the Council's operations, the majority of the Council's  $CO_2$  emissions were from the Council's leisure centres and the contractor's waste collection vehicles. In response to questions, the Committee were reassured that the proposed new leisure centre (Minute 22 refers), if built, would be required to meet current green

standards. The Council also had in place a programme for the replacement of waste collection vehicles, and the new vehicles would be required to meet the current environmental and efficiency standards. The current requirement was to have a Euro 6 engine.

Members also reported that there had been litter from plastic bottles along Stanley Hill, Amersham, which Members had witnessed falling from a bulk waste transport vehicle. There was also litter accumulating outside the depot. It was noted that the site would be subject to checks by the Environment Agency, and Members were asked to pass on vehicle registration details to the County Council so that they could follow this up with their contractor.

Members also highlighted that litter was dispersed when grass cutting took place along the A413 in particular. It was noted that the Council was responsible for litter collection, and that grass cutting schedules were requested from the County Council in advance so that both activities could be synchronised, where possible.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the report be noted.

#### 21 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

#### **RESOLVED** –

That under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

#### 22 CHILTERN POOLS PROJECT

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The Committee received a report that had been considered by the Cabinet at a meeting held on 1 November 2016, which provided an update on the outcome of the Chiltern Pools Feasibility Study, and sought agreement to undertake a public consultation to test the key findings that were being recommended. It was noted that the Cabinet had agreed at the meeting held on 1 November 2016 to undertake an informed public consultation to assess public opinion on the development of a new community / leisure facility and identify gaps in leisure provision and the associated funding for this. During the discussion the following key points were made:

The potential new facility would be required to meet environmental standards and be built to a high standard of quality. Technology such as photo voltaic panels, ground source heat pumps, air recirculation and combined heat and power could help to achieve this.

The list of proposed facilities was developed in light of evidence on the leisure needs of the area and potential income. There was a discussion on the anticipated popularity of different facilities, including squash courts and flumes. The public consultation would inform the proposals.

The Council was working hard to encourage responses to the public consultation. This included leafleting and canvassing high street shopping areas and promotion through the local press.

Members were keen to encourage all stakeholders to respond to the consultation, but community groups, particularly those that already use the current facilities were identified as being very important in helping to inform the proposals. It was noted that all community groups would be consulted.

Members had received views from community groups regarding maintaining the leisure and community provision whilst the proposed new facility was built. It was noted that, whilst much of the detail was pending the outcome of the public consultation and would form part of the next stage of the project, the construction of the proposed new facility would be arranged in a way that ensured that community needs continued to be met. Community groups were therefore key stakeholders for developing the proposals. No decision had been made on the future use of the current site if a new facility was built.

It was suggested that the community zone be located on the ground floor for accessibility reasons. It was noted that the potential new facility would need to meet building regulations, accessibility requirements, and the community space would be larger than the current provision.

Councillor J MacBean advised that she was on the Chesham Elgiva Board, and highlighted that there were similarities in service provision between the Elgiva and the proposed new facility. It was considered important that the proposed new facility complemented the provision of other local community facilities, rather than compete with facilities such as the Elgiva. Information sharing and encouraging responses to the public consultation were therefore important.

Following a discussion on the Council's governance arrangements, Members suggested that providing information about the consultation at an earlier stage would have been beneficial. It was noted that the Cabinet had agreed to

bring forward the start of the consultation so that it could be carried out at the same time as the Local Plan Green Belt preferred options consultation.

#### **RESOLVED:**

#### That the report be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm

SUBJECT:	28 Day Notice	
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Support Services (Deputy Leader)	
RESPONSIBLE	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	
OFFICER		
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Mat Bloxham, 01494 732143; mbloxham@chiltern.gov.uk	
WARD/S	Not ward specific	
AFFECTED		

#### 1. Purpose of Report

#### 1.2 **28 Day Notice**

Members are requested to look at the 28 Day Notice for the Cabinet meeting on 4 April 2017 (Appendix).

#### 1.3 Work Programme

• Joint Waste Performance (Standing Item) next report due: 21 March 2017

#### RECOMMENDATION

To review the work programme and to identify potential topics for review from the 28 Day Notice.

Background	None
Papers:	

#### 28 Day Notice

## Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

This is a Notice of an intention to make a Key Decision on behalf of the Local authority (Regulation 9) and an intention to meet in private to consider those items marked as 'Private Reports' (Regulation 5).

A further Notice (the 'Agenda') will be published no less than 5 working-days before the date of the Cabinet meeting and will be available at <u>www.chiltern.gov.uk/democracy</u>

	L	eader (Counci	llor Isobel	Darby)	
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
No	Service Plan Summaries 2017/18	Services 24 Jan 17 Resources 31 Jan 17	Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Sarah Woods Email: swoods @chiltern.gov.uk
No	<b>Economic Development</b> <b>Strategy:</b> To consider and agree the Council's Economic Development Strategy		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Anita Cacchioli Email: acacchioli @chiltern.gov.uk
No	<b>Joint Business Plan</b> <b>Refresh:</b> to consider the Joint Business Plan for 2017	Resources 28 Mar 17 Services 21 Mar 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Sarah Woods Email: swoods @chiltern.gov.uk
No	PerformanceIndicatorReview2017-18:toreviewthePerformanceIndicators for 2017-18	Resources 28 Mar 17 Services 21 Mar 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Sarah Woods Email: swoods @chiltern.gov.uk
No	Quarter 3 Performance Reports 2016-17: to consider the performance reports for quarter 3	Resources 28 Mar 17 Services 21 Mar 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Sarah Woods Email: swoods @chiltern.gov.uk

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	Support Services - Deputy Leader (Councillor Mike Stannard)				
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
Yes	Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18	Resources 31 Jan 2016	Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Helen O'Keeffe Email: HOKeeffe@chiltern. gov.uk
Yes	<b>Revenue Budget 2017/18</b> : to recommend the Budget to Council for agreement	Resources 31 Jan 17	Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Jim Burness Email: jburness @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	Capital Programme and Repairs & Renewals Programme 2017/2018: To consider and agree the proposed updates to the capital and repairs & renewals programmes	Resources 31 Jan 17	Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Jane Clarke Email: jclarke@chiltern.gov. uk
No	<b>Treasury Management Q3</b> <b>2016/2017:</b> To report on treasury management activity in quarter 3 2016/2017		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Helen O'Keeffe Email: HOKeeffe@chiltern. gov.uk

	Sustainable Development (Councillor Peter Martin)				
Key	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision	Private Report	
Decision			Maker &	(Y/N) and Reason	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
$(Y/N)^1$			Date	Private <sup>4</sup>	

	Enviro	nment (Coun	cillor – Mike	e Smith)	
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
Yes	AmershamMulti-StoreyCarParkDevelopmentBusinessCase:Tothe business caseTo		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	Yes (Paragraph 3)	Chris Marchant Email: cmarchant@ chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	EnergyStrategy:ToconsideradoptionoftheBuckinghamshireEnergyStrategy		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Ben Coakley Email:bcoakley @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	To extend the Head of Environment's delegated powers under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>		Chris Marchant Email: cmarchant@ chiltern.gov.uk

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	Customer Services (Councillor – Fred Wilson)				
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>

	Community, Hea	alth & Housing	g (Councille	or Graham Harris	3)
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
No	InformationItem:AffordableRentedHousingContribution -SpringettPlaceExecutive'sPowerOfUrgency):To note the useoftheChiefExecutive'sdelegatedpowersconsultationwiththeCabinetLeaderto supportthedeliveryofaffordablerentedproperties		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Martin Holt Email: mholt @chiltern.gov.uk
No	Armed Forces Community Covenant Update: To update on local WW1 commemorative events and the County-wide task force working group		Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Paul Nanji Email:pnanji @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	<b>Chiltern Pools Feasibility</b> <b>Study:</b> To report the key findings of the Chiltern Pools Consultation programme and agree the next steps forward	Services 24 January 17	Cabinet <b>7 Feb 17</b>	No	Paul Nanji Email:pnanji @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	Chiltern's Community & Wellbeing Plan 2017-2020: To adopt the new Chiltern Community & Wellbeing Plan	Services 21 March 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Paul Nanji Email:pnanji @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	Homelessness Strategy: To consider a joint Homelessness Strategy	Services 21 March 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Michael Veryard Email: mveryard @chiltern.gov.uk
Yes	<b>Regulators Code for shared</b> <b>services:</b> To consider the shared service regulators enforcement code	Services 21 March 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Martin Holt Email: mholt @chiltern.gov.uk

	Community, Health & Housing (Councillor Graham Harris)				
Key Decision (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Report Title & Summary <sup>2</sup>	Consultation <sup>3</sup>	Decision Maker & Date	Private Report (Y/N) and Reason Private <sup>4</sup>	Lead Officer <sup>5</sup>
No	ChilternDistrictCouncilStrategicHousingFramework2014-15:Toreceiveanupdateonaffordablehousingdeliveryand to consider the Council'sdraftStrategicHousingFramework2014-15	CHHPAG 21 March 17 Services 21 March 17	Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Michael Veryard Email: mveryard @chiltern.gov.uk
No	RevitalisationGroupUpdateReport:ToupdatekeyoutcomesofthelocalRevitalisationGroupsGroups(2016/17)andagreeCapitalGrantsAwards		Cabinet <b>4 April 17</b>	No	Paul Nanji Email:pnanji @chiltern.gov.uk
No	Sustainability and Carbon Reduction Strategy: The development and implementation of an updated joint strategy for South Bucks DC and Chiltern DC, building on existing activities and opportunities		Cabinet <b>27 June 17</b>	No	Joanna Faul Email:jfaul @chiltern.gov.uk

- 1 The Council's Constitution defines a 'Key' Decision as any decision taken in relation to a function that is the responsibility of the Cabinet and which is likely to:-
  - result in expenditure (or the making of savings) over £30,000 and / or
  - have a significant impact on the community in two (or more) district wards.

and

- relates to the development and approval of the Budget; or
- relates to the development, approval and review of the Policy Framework, or
- is otherwise outside the Budget and Policy Framework.

As a matter of good practice, this Notice also includes other items – in addition to Key Decisions – that are to be considered by the Cabinet. This additional information is provided to inform local residents of all matters being considered.

- Each item considered will have a report; appendices will be included (as appropriate). Regulation 9(1g) allows that other documents relevant to the item may be submitted to the decision-maker. Subject to prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, this information will be published on the Council website www.chiltern.gov.uk/democracy usually 5 working-days before the date of the meeting. Paper copies may be requested (charges will apply) using the contact details below.
- 3 In order to support the work of the Cabinet and to enhance decision-making, reports are often presented to other meetings for comment before going to the Cabinet. As such, this Notice also includes information on which meeting (if any) will also consider the report, and on what date.
- 4 The public can be excluded for an item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The relevant paragraph numbers and descriptions are as follows:

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Paragraph 1	Information relating to any individual
Paragraph 2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
Paragraph 3	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person
_	(including the authority holding that information)
Paragraph 4	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority
Paragraph 5	Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
Paragraph 6	Information which reveals that the authority proposes:
	(a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
	(b) to make an order or direction under any enactment
Paragraph 7	Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

Part II of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 requires that information falling into paragraphs 1-7 above is exempt information if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Nothing in the Regulations authorises or requires a local authority to disclose to the public or make available for public inspection any document or part of a document if, in the opinion of the proper officer, that document or part of a document contains or may contain confidential information.

Should you wish to make any representations in relation to any of the items being considered in private, you can do so – in writing – using the contact details below. Any representations received, together with any response from the Council, will be published on the Notice (the 'Agenda') issued no less than 5 working-

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5 The lead officer is usually the report author, and their contact details are provided in this column. The officer's email address is a standard format: first initial followed by their surname e.g. Bob Smith = bsmith@chiltern.gov.uk

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SUBJECT:	Service Plan Summaries	
REPORT OF:	Leader of the Council, Councillor Isobel Darby and Leader of the Council, Councillor Ralph Bagge	
RESPONSIBLE	Acting Chief Executive, Bob Smith	
OFFICER		
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Rachel Prance 01494 732 903 and Sarah Woods 01494 586 800	
WARD/S	This report applies to whole district	
AFFECTED		

#### 1. Purpose of Report

This report provides a summary of each of the service plans produced by service areas within the council with the exception of Legal & Democratic services which is yet to be submitted.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet are asked to note these service plans.

#### 2. Reasons for Recommendations

Service plans are an important part of the Council's performance management framework as detailed in the Joint Business Plan 2016 – 2020 and link to the Councils' policy objectives.

#### **3.** Content of Report

Service plans provide a summary of achievements from the current year and an overview of what each service aims to deliver for 2017-18. As well as looking at aims and achievements, services are asked to look at a range of areas including:

- Shared Services Programme
- Know your customer and equalities
- Performance indicators and risks
- Costs and cost comparison information.

#### 4. Consultation

Not Applicable.

#### 5. Options

Each Head of Service/Principal Officer produced a joint service plan workbook for South Bucks and Chiltern and this information was used to produce a summary for each council. These summaries will be made available on the Council's internet site. The service planning process will continue to be developed to ensure that the process is

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straightforward for managers to complete and provides a useful management tool for each service.

#### 7. Corporate Implications

- 3.1 Financial Service plans assist effective performance management and assist the budgeting process.
- 3.2 Legal None.
- 3.3 Resources Service plans are a useful tool to help monitor progress made by the Council to improve service delivery.
- 3.4 Risks issues Critical operational risks are reviewed as part of the service planning process.
- 3.5 Equalities Equalities are considered during the service planning process.
- 3.6 Sustainability any sustainability implications are fed into the service Actions Plans.

#### 8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Service plans are an important part of the Council's performance management framework as detailed in the Joint Business Plan 2016 - 2020.

The Joint Business Plan states that performance management is about how we consistently plan and manage improvements to our services and involves making the best use of the resources (financial, personnel, skills) and information to drive improvement.

Continuous improvement is driven by regular consultation and analysis of customer needs feeding into the service planning process. This helps to identify actions to drive improvement and measures to monitor if the desired improvements are delivered.

The joint performance management framework is a clear statement that Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils are committed to providing value for money services that meet the needs of users and improve the quality of life for residents. Rising public expectation alongside reducing budgets require the Councils to embed a culture of performance improvement so that we can continue to deliver quality services to our customers at the correct cost.

#### 9. Next Step

Service plans will be adopted and implemented.

Background	1) Business Support Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	2) Comms, Performance and Policy Service Plan Workbook 2017-

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Papers:	18 final
	3) Customer Services Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	4) Environment Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	5) Finance Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	6) Healthy Communities Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	7) Human Resources Service Plan Workbook 2017-18 final
	8) Sustainable Development Service Plan Workbook 2017-18
	final





## Service Plan Summaries – 2017-18

- Business Support
- Communications, Policy & Performance
- Customer Services
- Environment
- Finance
- Healthy Communities
- Human Resources
- Legal & Democratic \*Not yet submitted\*
- Sustainable Development



#### **Shared Service Plan Summary**

## **Business Support**

#### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	ICT
	Information Management
	Transformation Programme Management

#### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Deliver and maintain excellent value, customer focussed, environmentally sustainable ICT\Information Management operations and services	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	Deliver and maintain excellent value, customer focussed, environmentally sustainable ICT\Information Management operations and services
Understand the needs of the business and provide appropriate, innovative and agile business solutions	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	Understand the needs of the business and provide appropriate, innovative and agile business solutions
Enable and lead business change/ transformation programme management	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	Enable and lead business change/ transformation programme



Stronger in partnership

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		management
Be continuously improving, learning, transparent and accountable	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	Be continuously improving, learning, transparent and accountable
Deliver and maintain excellent value, customer focussed, environmentally sustainable ICT\Information Management operations and services	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	Deliver and maintain excellent value, customer focussed, environmentally sustainable ICT\Information Management operations and services

#### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

To enable delivery of the following ICT Services to support business processes for both South Bucks and Chiltern District Council:

- Network operations
- Telecommunication technology voice, data
- Secure integration with partner networks
- Web services infrastructure, environment, security
- Network security
- Service desk support
- IT Training
- System support
- System integration
- ICT procurement
- ICT supplier management.

To enable the service units within Chiltern & South Bucks to provide efficient services to all people in the community through the correct application of people, processes and technology.

That the service itself operates with agility to customer need whilst as efficiently and cost effectively as possible.

To provide the following robust Information Management services to ensure that both Councils'



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systems and processes run smoothly:

- Web services presentation of content
- Information security
- Service desk support
- Content\Data handling Training
- System support
- Systems\business process development
- System integration
- Process Freedom of Information & Subject Access requests
- Ensure systems observe the principles of the Data Protection Act and other relevant legislation
- ICT procurement
- ICT supplier management.

To optimise the collection, secure storage, retrieval and distribution of Chiltern & South Bucks data.

To improve the provision of information to all members.

To achieve better customer service through facilitating the controlled sharing of information corporately and with partners.

Support service reviews.

Contribute to the successful implementation of shared services.

Lead on the Transformation Programme

Ensure compliance with relevant legislation and standards e.g. Data Protection and Public Services Network.

Transparent governance structure for all projects.

#### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

**Business Support** 

Shared Business Support service review successfully completed on target. Previously outsourced SBDC infrastructure seamlessly absorbed into new in-house service

Both CDC & SBDC networks refreshed and converged into one shared network. Final phase to implement virtual desktops will be complete by March 2017.

Last shared service review will complete in 2017. Support to approved business case for Planning Services will conclude Business Support involvement for that initiative. Support will continue to implement the remaining new shared services for Waste, Democratic Services and Planning Services (if approved).



#### **Shared Service Plan Summary**

Roll out of harmonised Project Management Framework with refresher training for relevant staff.

Significant paper reduction, freeing up office space, across CSB through Ditch the Paper project

Programme initiated for Flexible & Mobile working. Draft and consultation of new policy & guidance document. Building Control pilot due to complete March 2017

Information Asset Register with Retention and Disposal Schedule in place for all services

70% of IG policies harmonised adopted

Service desk system upgraded to accommodate multi-authority support. Improved self-service portal and management reporting

Improvements to Uniform to improve monitoring of staff workload and performance

By March 2017 CDC, SBDC and WDC Waste will be on the same core ICT system

#### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Who are the main customers for the service?

Main customers are:

- Members
- Officers
- Residents
- General public
- Other public organisations

A shared service commenced on 1 January 2016. The final design of the service structure was based on feedback from all service reviews to date, involving the views of Business Support staff and consultation during the formulation of the shared ICT strategy. The service continues to be alert to feedback indicating a need to calibrate delivery.

Service delivery is being reorganised and realigned to better fit the changing needs of the business. Member and officers are on shared infrastructure. By 31.03.2017 everyone will be on one network. Focus will then turn to supporting mobile working and the IT requirements of the shared Customer strategy.

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#### List of Key Actions/ What will be the key outcomes Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions and benefits seen by residents Projects **Business Support** • Services will have all their IT Complete the project to Complete the implementation of VDI converge the networks of • Complete the design & implementation resources on one both Councils onto shared of DR failover • Improved support for services by infrastructure Document final build pooling IT staff • Improved career opportunities for IT staff • Increased resilience from pooling of staff and commission of DR failover facility • Better customer service **Complete Building Control** • Complete business process design • Improved ability for channel shift mobile working pilot. This is • Implement Idox mobile app for BC • More efficient, cost effective the 1<sup>st</sup> service sub-project in • Set up BC VDI environment processes the Mobile Working • Rebuild BC clients • Reduced office space requirement Programme • Implement new remote access solution • Reduced costs from shared Complete all service reviews Remaining service: teams • Planning Greater resilience More efficient service delivery Harmonise information • Identify all processes Clear understanding of the governance policies • Review processes processes required to maintain Publish revised processes good information management within the services Ensure both Councils Avoidance of increased • Establish requirements comply with requirements • Perform gap analysis penalties through data of General Data Protection • Amend policies & procedures breaches Regulation (GDPR) which Roll out training • Improved data sharing with comes into force May • Review data sharing register partners 2018 Support the completion of Remaining services: Reduced costs from shared • implementing shared teams Democratic Services services Greater resilience Planning

## Section 4 – Action plan

## Appendix

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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents	
	Waste Client	More efficient service delivery	

#### Section 5 – Key Performance indicators

PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Busines	ss Support								
CdBS 3 (C)	Percentage of responses to FOI requests sent within 20 working days (by month)	71%	90%	August 2016	100%	90%	90%	90%	90%
JtBS1 (C)	Availability of ICT systems to staff from 8am to 6pm (by period quarterly)	99.85 %	99.5%	Septemb er 2016	99.8 %	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
JtBS2 (C)	Percentage of calls to ICT helpdesk resolved within agreed timescales (by period quarterly)	84%	95%	Septemb er 2016	81%	95%	95%	95%	95%
SbBS 3 (C)	Percentage of responses to FOI requests sent within 20 working days (by month)	91%	90%	August 2016	100%	90%	90%	90%	90%

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#### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	• Ensuring that ICT platforms seamlessly support the aims of joint working
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>During the implementation of shared systems to working with service staff to support buy-in to the new ways of working</li> <li>Listening to the needs of the council services to ensure shared systems support their processes</li> <li>Leading on Mobile Working Programme</li> </ul>
3	Financial Stability	<ul> <li>Work with service staff to leverage the maximum benefit from the investment made in ICT systems</li> <li>Achieve best value for the councils where new systems are required or enhancements to current systems to support shared services</li> </ul>
4	Workforce Issues	<ul> <li>Monitoring staff workload and securing outside resource where required e.g. sharing with other authorities using same applications</li> <li>Keeping staff skill sets current</li> </ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	Not applicable.
6	Joint/Partnership working	Not applicable.
7	Business Continuity	<ul> <li>Refresh of ICT infrastructure and redesign for shared network services</li> <li>Move to thin client / virtual desktop</li> <li>DR / failover facility will be commissioned in 2017 and hosted at another location</li> <li>Joint working with relevant services in other Bucks authorities to share expertise and resource</li> </ul>
8	Information Management & Security	<ul> <li>Shared Information Governance Group (IGG) in place.</li> <li>Information Governance Structure (IGS) established across all services</li> <li>Comprehensive training programme being delivered to all IGS roles</li> </ul>





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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		All services have an Information Asset Register with Retention and Disposal Schedule
9	New Legislative Changes	<ul> <li>Officers identified to monitor their ICT discipline for legislative changes</li> <li>The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in May 2018 and places significant new and expanded restrictions on the collection, use, storage, sharing, and destruction of EU residents' personal data. Violations of this set of regulations will incur penalties up to the higher of 4% of annual worldwide turnover and EUR20 million</li> </ul>
10	Affordable Housing	Not applicable.
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	<ul> <li>Supporting the IT\information management needs of the HS2 Team</li> </ul>
12	Demographic Changes	<ul> <li>Supporting services to develop skills for customer insight</li> <li>Overlap with GIS to map statistical data to location</li> </ul>
13	Property/ Asset Management	<ul> <li>R&amp;R programme in place for ICT assets</li> <li>Business Support has good control over physical assets and works with suppliers to get the best value.</li> </ul>
14	Economic Viability	Not applicable.

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB BS01 Shared Network Availability	<ul> <li>Clear ICT strategy</li> <li>Components are only purchased from reputable companies</li> <li>Redundancy designed into system configuration</li> <li>Monitor \ adopt appropriate advances in technology e.g. virtual servers</li> <li>An R&amp;R programme is in place</li> <li>Forward planning of R&amp;R and Network U\G requirements \ budgets</li> <li>Current warranties where relevant and cost effective</li> <li>Daily monitoring of network performance \ capacity</li> <li>Separate electrical supply and uninterruptable power supplies (UPS). Generator hire contract in place</li> <li>Regular, planned maintenance</li> </ul>



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	. Maintenance contracts in place where required
	. Contract in place for disaster recovery with regular trials. This will
	be replaced in 2017 by a DR failover facility being installed and
	hosted at another location
	. Licenses monitored. Service Desk Administrator ITIL and FAST
	accredited . Comprehensive documented operational procedures in place
	. Information Management strategy in place
	. Action plan in place to realise Information Management strategy
	. Data quality objectives for all staff
	. Regular backups performed. Restores performed on a regular
	basis. Backup logs checked to confirm jobs completed successfully
	and to analyse for anomalies
	. Backup tapes stored onsite in a fireproof safe. Previous nights'
	tapes stored off-site. Tapes will be replaced in 2017 by data
	streaming to the DR failover facility hosted at another location
	. Snapshots taken to SAN. Up to 7 days' worth of data available at a time
CSP PS02 Data Integrity	. Financial and technical procedures in place to ensure systems
CSB BS02 Data Integrity	must be installed and maintained by Business Support
	. PRINCE2 methodology used on projects to ensure consistent IT
	implementation
	. Change management controls in place
	. User testing required for all implementations and upgrades
	. Staff training is delivered as part of all implementation projects
	. Contracts in place with system suppliers for system development
	and specialised consultancy. Supplier manuals available to all staff
	. Regular account meetings with system suppliers
	. Encourage services to document system procedures
	. Regular audits
	. Systems bought from reputable vendors who comply with relevant standards
	. Security assessment included in product evaluation
	. Systems are correctly licensed with maintenance contracts in
	place
CSB BS03 Security	. Systems are maintained at supported versions and replaced at
	vendor specified 'end of life'
	. Change management controls in place
	. 3rd party remote access controlled by IT
	. End users are trained in good practice for using systems and data



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	handling
	. ICT Security Policy ensures that customers understand their
	responsibilities
	. Physical access to key network devices controlled by building
	security system
	. All external communications are via BucksNet. BCC\Update have
	documented security procedures
	. BucksNet also subject to PSN compliance
	. SLA in place with BCC and Updata . Dual factor remote access
	. All audits for GCSX\GCF\PSN passed to date
	. Annual health check performed by CREST\CHECK certified
	consultant
	. Quarterly penetration testing by CREST\CHECK certified
	consultant. Quarterly internal vulnerability testing by CDC IT
	. Patch management scheme in place
	. Inventory controls in place
	. Security Marking
	. Remote Control of devices e.g. Samsung's
	. End point encryption implemented
	. Network client physical ports managed. Only removable media
	issued by ICT can be used in network clients
	. Creation/deletion of network accounts controlled by
	starters/leavers forms issued by Personnel
	. Network rights controlled by Active Directory group policies . Anti-malware software which covers anti-virus, personal firewall
	and application control installed on the client
	. Virus/spam/malware protection in place and automatically
	updated on hosts
	. 2 Virus/spam/malware products used
	. Monitoring of e-mail subject matter and attachments
	. Formal and on the job training and staff development
	. Three IT Trainees posts to 'grow' replacements
	. Programme of cross training to promote generic skill sets
	. Documentation
CSB BS04 Staff	. Adoption of ITIL and implementation of ITIL compliant service
	desk
	. 3rd party contracts (Fordway, Updata etc) to fill gaps
	. Good supplier management
	. Good communication - regular Meetings, 121s, appraisal



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	interviews . Clear aims and objectives . Work plan to manage work load . Sharing resource and expertise with other authorities \ shared service

#### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

#### **Cost information**

- Costs have reduced as a result of the shared network. Systems and hardware are reducing on a ratio of 2:1 enabling a reduction in licensing and support maintenance costs
- Business Support is now a shared service which has reduced costs. A reduction in posts has led to reduced salary bill. Generic working will enable further efficiencies
- Costs increased during the initial phase of shared services to accommodate maintaining old systems whilst transitioning to the new systems but savings are now being realised
- Costs have reduced by around 3% when compared with 2014/15



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Communications, Performance and Policy

#### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Communications
	Performance and Policy

#### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Corporate communications including media, public relations, marketing and website	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	
Promote best practice in customer involvement and consultation	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	
Enable the Councils to improve services and plan for future needs through the Corporate Plan, service planning and performance reports.	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	
Lead the delivery of the joint Sustainable Community Strategy and Partnership	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	
Lead the development of corporate strategy and the interpretation of government policy	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	
Provision of research and management information	Leader (CDC and SBDC)	

#### Communications

**Key Service Aims & Objectives** 

To manage the Councils' corporate communications function

To manage the internet / intranet and support all service areas in delivering timely online content, campaigns, web design, web projects and help with implementing social media

To maintain the reputation of the councils through good timely and honest public relations, reputation management and by co-ordinating and being pro-active in all areas of communication

Provide an in-house design and marketing service to all departments within the councils and

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promote the benefits and cost effectiveness to other departments

To inform, ensuring timely and accurate information is available to all regarding council services, policies and activities and that we communicate results of consultation exercises and action taken as a result. To publish news releases, and provide a media enquiry service, publicity of events, policies and decisions and to oversee consultation exercises. To produce internal monthly magazine. To co-ordinate the production of the councils' magazine. To support services to produce up to date information about services in easy to read and to access formats

#### **Performance and Policy**

#### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

Improving knowledge-based decision-making across the Councils including developing customer insight profiles

To support the Councils and their services by co-ordinating the Councils' performance management system, developing corporate strategy and interpreting government policy

Advise on the development, implementation and monitoring of the Councils' Joint Business Plan

Lead Councils' approach to corporate planning and performance management

Organise the work of the Joint Strategic Partnership including regular reviews and delivery of the Joint Sustainable Community Strategy

Support service managers to develop their services through effective, consistent service planning

Support effective consultation through promoting good practice and monitoring

#### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

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Delivered better staff communications and supported the development of an organisational development strategy towards both councils operating as one team

Supported both Leaders during periods of great change and low resources

Supported and promoted a strategic approach to mitigation of the HS2 line

Provided a media relations service to promote council services and events

Ensured web editors were well supported at both councils - daily and training

Designed new Aylesbury Crematorium website

Continued to improve media monitoring

Supported the use of effective social media at both councils

Continued to develop the Members Bulletin

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Continued advising and supporting consultations

Continued chairing South Bucks Parish Clerks meetings

Worked with the Head of Customer Services to develop a customer services/channel shift strategy

Launched a new joint branding for use by both councils

Continued to provide an excellent in-house design service

Reviewed Joint Strategic Partnership working to improve focus on deliverables

Continued to develop the joint business plan

Continued to ensure all strategies and plans are based on robust information and accurate data

Delivered effective performance management

Ensured Data Quality was of a high standard at both councils

### Section 3 - Know your customer

### Who are the main customers for the service?

The team has a wide customer base including members, managers and officers, partners and members of the public. Policy and performance provide performance and management information to help aid management decisions and coordinate the service planning and corporate planning work which helps to determine the strategic direction of the Council.

The team also provide research information to all service areas about the make-up of both districts to help ensure services understand the make-up of their customers and are delivering services in the most appropriate way.

The communications section of the team is responsible for ensuring service standards are maintained across the council when sending out information to customers.



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Section 4 – Action plan		
List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
Communications		
Deliver better staff communications and support the development of an organisational development strategy towards both councils operating as one team	Supporting the Management Team and Leaders with staff communications and engagement	Staff are informed about, and able to participate in, decisions affecting their working life Effective communications are known to assist in making staff feel valued, which generates commitment, and helps deliver a high quality service and achieve corporate goals
Support both Leaders to moderate expectations during periods of great change and low resources	Provide support for the Leaders with communications, engagement and information	Corporate goals are achieved and high quality services provided
Support a strategic approach to mitigation of the HS2 line	Continue to support the HS2 project team after the Hybrid Bill process including community engagement	Environment is protected and community is supported
Provide a media relations service to promote council services and events	<ul> <li>Provide newsworthy and timely press releases and respond quickly to press enquiries</li> <li>Pitch features about key services to the media</li> <li>Host media briefings for major service changes/developments</li> </ul>	Residents feel informed about council services
Ensure web editors are well supported at both councils – daily and training	Regular training is provided particularly as websites develop	Information on the website is accurate, accessible and well written
Launch new Aylesbury Crematorium website	Key information is up to date and available	Residents will be aware of the progress of the new Aylesbury Crematorium and the services it will provide
Continue to improve	Regular email bulletins to all staff and	Staff and members are aware of



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
media monitoring	members on key stories at both councils	how the councils are being perceived externally
Support the use of effective social media at both councils	All staff and members are signed up to the social media policy Social media is monitored and responded to in timely fashion	Residents feel informed about council services
Continue to develop the Members Bulletin	Weekly bulletin produced	Members have a good view of the key issues affecting both councils
Continue advising and supporting consultations	Involvement at the start of consultations/surveys by services	Ensure consultations are effective and the opinions of residents and customers are used to improve services
Continue chairing South Bucks Parish Clerks meetings	Regular meetings to ensure parish clerks and town councils are engaged with the council	Better informed partners
Work with the Head of Customer Services to develop a customer services/channel shift strategy	Engage with the new joint customer services team to scope	Residents will receive a high quality, cost effective customer service at both councils
Promote the new joint branding for use by both councils	Set up all-service working group to scope out the project Engage with and gain support from Members	Residents have a clear idea of who is providing the services they are accessing
Continue to provide an excellent in-house design service	Promotional and informative literature is produced	Residents feel informed about council services
Performance and Policy		
Review Joint Strategic Partnership working to improve focus on deliverables	<ul> <li>Deliver action plan for the ageing population</li> <li>Re-convene the economic development sub-group</li> </ul>	Improved partnership working based on a real understanding of the needs of the different communities



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
Continue to develop the joint business plan	<ul><li>Links to JSP and service planning</li><li>Cabinets to approve</li></ul>	Business Plan is key for local community and staff in setting the direction for joint working Leads everything the councils do
Continue to ensure all strategies and plans are based on robust information and accurate data	<ul> <li>Use of analysed census information</li> <li>Ongoing development and refreshing of KnowledgeSource</li> </ul>	Key strategies and policies designed with the detailed understanding of the needs of customers and residents in both districts
Effective performance management	<ul> <li>Look to improve the way we communicate and use the performance information</li> <li>Investigate using joint trend information</li> </ul>	Better informed residents, partners, members and staff Improved customer perception
Ensure Data Quality is of a high standard at both councils	Monitor data quality	Information collected, handled and stored at both councils is of a high and legal standard

### **Section 5 – Key Performance indicators**

PI	Short Name	2015/	6/ 2015/			Annual Target 2016/ 17	Future Targets		
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value		2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Commu	unications, Perform	ance and	Policy						
CdCP 1 (C)	Number of unique visitors to the main website (monthly by period and annual)	330,94 6	Data only	Sept 2016	28,29 7	Data only	Data only	Data only	Data only
SbCP 1 (C)	Number of unique visitors to the main	261,45 2	Data only	Sept 2016	22,11 2	Data only	Data only	Data only	Data only

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PI	Short Name 2015/	2015/			Annual	Future Targets			
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	website (quarterly and annual)								

### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	Governance in place – Joint Committee, JAIC. Joint senior management team Programme documentation and programme management resources Plan for service reviews, business cases presented Member involvement in joint working in line with member expectations Communication plan for members, staff, external partners External approaches to join the joint working carefully considered at a political level and impact on programme assessed
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>Senior members and managers show commitment to change</li> <li>Case for changes clearly made and communicated</li> <li>Build on success, in order to establish confidence to change</li> <li>Prioritise programme of change, and ensure it is adequately resourced</li> <li>Develop change management approach, and organisational development plan</li> </ul>
3	Financial Stability	Review of MTFSs Clear service priorities Analysis of Government spending plans, bought in where necessary Savings programmes agreed and monitored Annual review of cost base

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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		Strategies for use of reserves
4	Workforce Issues	Organisational development and workforce planning Monitoring of key personnel statistics Good staff communications processes Training and development strategies in place, resourced and monitored
5	Waste & Environmental Services	Governance in place for joint contract Have adequate in-house knowledge of cost share model Co-ordinated approach by both Councils on JWC and with BCC Effective contract monitoring and good relationships with contractors Good communications with residents
6	Joint/Partnership working	Co-ordinate and streamline representation on partnership groups Monitor impact of changes arising from partner cut backs Identify key partnerships to support
7	Business Continuity	Clear senior management arrangements for responsibility on business continuity Business continuity plans in place ICT DR plans in place Maximise reciprocal support arrangements across two Councils
8	Information Management & Security	Policies and procedures in place, overseen by joint IG group, and made common where practical Communication and training for staff on policies and procedures Officer mechanisms to enable corporate approach to be taken to information management Information management incorporated in any service review process
9	New Legislative Changes	Corporate capacity to identify and analyse forthcoming legislative changes affecting the Councils Analyse and produce action plans for Welfare Reform changes Analyse and respond to changes to Planning system Use of professional or local authority network groups to gain and share knowledge
10	Affordable Housing	Housing strategies in place and regularly reviewed Good relationships between housing and planning services

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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		Resources identified to support housing schemes
		Impact assessments made formally or informally on major
		projects
		Clear Council position on a particular proposal
11	Major Infrastructure Projects	Lobbying mechanisms identified
11	Impacts.	Member communications strategy in place
		Communication strategies with residents on any major
		proposals
		Resources identified to fund actions or responses
		Corporate analysis of Census and related data
12	Demographic Changes	Incorporate Census data into service planning
		Communicate key messages to members
		Asset Management Plans in place and reviewed
13	Property/ Asset Management	Professional advice used where appropriate
		Resources in place to support AMPs
		Good liaison arrangements with local businesses
14	Economic Viability	Monitor key indicators of the local economy
		Take advance of opportunities offered by LEP

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
Operational risk code and title CSB CPP01 Failure to provide comprehensive, accurate and engaging communications to promote key services, messages and events	Relevance / Mitigation1. Communications and media training provided to appropriate staff2. Communications are checked and signed off by those qualified to do so, prior to publication3. Comms team to lead in the revamp of the joint web sites, ensuring trained web editors in place, good quality and best practice principles are adopted4. Letters to be checked and signed by a responsible officer, standard letters to be signed off as suitable, prior to use5. Publicity materials to be reviewed and signed off by a responsible officer6. Work with services to consider how to reach priority groups7. Only specifically trained, appointed officers permitted to provide information to the press and public8. Development of good relationships with the local press and other media9. Media protocols issued to all staff
	10. Copyright expressly negotiated and retained by Council All

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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	releases and publications to be proof read, reviewed by head of service, checked by Comms team and signed off by MT
CSB CPP02 Failure to develop joint key policies and a joint vision linked to the Joint Business Plan, based on Community needs	<ol> <li>Promote "Have your say", and consider when to act on responses</li> <li>Consider using customer surveys, forums, panels etc., when needed</li> <li>Work with Strategic Partnership to share understanding of customer needs and develop joint SCS</li> <li>Joint Business Plan in place</li> <li>Continue building on and improving the joint service planning procedures, e.g. PIs As the review period of policies / strategies come round, ensure a joint policy / strategy is developed</li> </ol>
CSB CPP03 Failure to manage performance effectively	<ol> <li>Robust joint performance management system in place with links to service planning</li> <li>Risks, actions and performance indicators will be updated in the joint Covalent system and reported on quarterly</li> <li>Covalent is backed-up regularly and as an off-site web based system, the provider has business continuity in place</li> <li>Covalent update reminders sent plus e-mail reminders</li> <li>Priority indicators identified by MT and Cabinet are updated and reported on monthly</li> <li>Sense check of information provided by Performance &amp; Policy team, questions raised where needed and additional information obtained</li> </ol>

### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

**Cost information** 

Costs have reduced by around 28% when compared to 2014/15.



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## **Customer Services**

### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Customer Services
	Revenues & Benefits

### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Revenues & Benefits		1
Revenues Collection and Administration (the billing, administration, collection and recovery of Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates including the award of any discounts, reliefs or exemptions)	Customer Services - CDC Resources - SBDC	
Benefits Administration (National Housing Benefit Scheme)	Customer Services – CDC Resources - SBDC	
Administration of Local Council Tax Support schemes	Customer Services – CDC Resources - SBDC	
Counter Fraud (to investigate suspected cases of Council Tax, Council Tax Support and corporate fraud, apply sanctions or to prosecute when fraud is detected)	Customer Services – CDC Resources - SBDC	
Administration of discretionary awards including Discretionary Housing Payments, Discretionary Council Tax Support and Discretionary Rate Relief	Customer Services – CDC Resources - SBDC	
Welfare Reform (to ensure the Council keeps up to date with the legislation and changes being brought in).	Customer Services – CDC Resources - SBDC	
Customer Services		1
Front line customer service (operating a switchboard and reception service to help provide customers with information, help and advice). (This includes dealing with additional service	Customer Services (CDC)	



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specific calls such as Waste, Revenues and Housing)	Resources - SBDC	
Front line service delivery on behalf of the Service Departments as agreed with each individual service area	Customer Services (CDC) Resources - SBDC	$\boxtimes$
Provision of 'Universal Support – Delivered Locally' (providing assistance with online applications to Universal Credit Customers and providing personal budgeting support)		Contracted by DWP

### **Customer Services**

### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

To deliver an efficient, professional and accessible service responsive to the needs of its customers, service departments and partners.

Working with services to aim to deliver resolution at first point of contact as far as appropriate.

To work in partnership with other authorities and agencies to provide front line services to customers contacting the Council Offices face to face and by telephone.

To work with services to improve the service provided to customers and to ensure that it meets customers' needs, reducing avoidable contact and initiating proactive contact where appropriate.

#### **Revenues and Benefits**

#### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

To provide an efficient, customer focussed Revenues and Benefits Service.

To achieve high Council Tax collection levels and make it easy for residents to pay their council tax, so that the Council can collect the money required for providing local government services promptly, whilst also giving consideration to the effects on the local community of the current economic position.

To maximise collection of business rates within the district and provide an accessible service to support the local business community in all matters relating to business rates.

To promote the Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support schemes and to provide benefits advice to ensure that all benefits for which claimants are eligible are claimed, in particular ensuring that help and support is provided for our most vulnerable residents to ensure they have equal access to the Benefits system.

To assess claims for Housing Benefit quickly, accurately and efficiently ensuring right first time assessment of benefit claims and making required payment in a timely manner. Providing an accessible service which is responsive to the constantly changing environment of benefits



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administration.

To provide a professional and effective fraud prevention and investigation service ensuring appropriate action is taken against offenders in all cases and that we convey the public message that fraud will not be tolerated.

To ensure legislative and government policy changes are implemented promptly and accurately.

### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

Customer Services

Developed Joint Customer Services Strategy and associated corporate work programme

Developed joint Complaints, Compliments and Feedback Procedure

Commenced pilot of working with Chesham Town Council to work together to resolve customer enquiries at first point of contact

Implemented CTalk at South Bucks DC improving resilience and enabling consistent management information

Combined South Bucks DC and Chiltern DC general enquiry email box and developed web forms to enable emails to route to correct service area

Introduce individual performance management targets and indicators

Incorporated South Bucks waste calls in to the contact centre

Revenues and Benefits

Implemented shared service from May 2016

Implemented new on line claim form

Implemented Risk Based Verification

Set up and commenced work on the South Bucks Recovery Project

Carried out empty homes review generating potential additional new homes bonus of £1,695,070 (CDC) and £1,357,059 (SBDC) over 6 years

Introduced revised Benefits Cap

Introduced text and email reminders reducing number of formal reminders and customer contact

Introduced revised process for quality checking enabling monitoring of individual performance and more effective performance management

Implemented auto arrangements with summons documentation

Implemented automatic registration for Open access enabling more efficient self service

Implemented payment deduction programme for streamlined recovery via DWP

Introduced LOCTA for tracing of debtors

Customer Services



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Conducted review of Small Business Rate Relief; encouraging take up at both Councils

Reviewed Discretionary Rate Relief Policy for SBDC

Introduced Discretionary housing payments for Universal Credit customers

Began work with Northgate re transition of service to Nottingham at end of South Derbyshire contract

Implemented PTC consolidation of reports for Civica at CDC

### Section 3 - Know your customer

### Summary – Know your customer (Chiltern)

There are a wide range of customers that use the Customer Services and Revenues & Benefits services both internal and external customers. Some of the main customer groups for Revenues & Benefits include all council taxpayers and business ratepayers within the district and all Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support claimants. Customer Services and reception staff also deal with internal services and residents within the district as well as residents of Wycombe DC in respect of the joint waste contract.

On-going changes to the welfare system and the introduction of Universal Credit will require prompt provision of information to affected residents to ensure impacts can be mitigated as far as possible.

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### Section 4 – Action plan

List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents					
Customer Services							
Implement Customer Service Strategy and associated programme of work	To be included in the Customer Service strategy work programme To include process for monitoring and learning from complaints	Clear strategy with regard to our approach, learning from customers' needs and /feedback and monitoring					
Continued implementation of the ICT developments in business case and shared service implementation plan	Ongoing development of the use of management information to tailor to meet service needs and to be used for performance management. Review, improve and promote ICT facilities for Customers Implement web chat	More accessible and efficient service					
Ongoing development of partnership working opportunities	Continue with Chesham Town Council pilot – evaluate outcomes Identify further opportunities Develop SLAs Monitor outcomes	More enquiries being dealt with at first point of contact More support in the community and so services easier to access					
Develop SLAs with all service areas	Service Specialists, CSM and Team leaders to work with service areas to agree ongoing approach and explore opportunities for delivering at first point of contact; Develop SLA and ongoing monitoring and liaison	Reduce avoidable contact; More dealt with at first point of contact; Encourage channel shift					
Ongoing implementation of Universal Support – Delivered Locally	Support for vulnerable residents needing welfare support, support with personal budgeting and help with on line applications	Financial Independence					
Incorporate front line service in to Customer Services for remaining shared service following introduction (Planning and Democratic Services)	Process and protocol to be agreed Training of CS staff completed Calls transferred Ongoing service liaison	More efficient Customer Services dealt with at first point of contact					
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# Appendix



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents	
Revenues and Benefits			
Continued implementation of process improvements and ICT developments identified in business case	<ul> <li>Implementation of workflow – new ways of working</li> <li>Online claims form attachment module</li> <li>Ferris E circs</li> <li>Change of circs form</li> <li>Implement Open exec performance module</li> <li>Promote Open Access</li> <li>Open Channel phase 1</li> <li>Ebilling</li> </ul>	Overall more efficient and cost effective service. Improved productivity. More accessible service with the ability to self-serve	
South Bucks Recovery Project	Continue with targeted recovery action. Write off of debts that are uneconomical to recover	Maximising income for the Council and so best use of resources for residents of the district	
Review change of circumstances proof guidelines	Review and implement new ways of working Ensure consistent approach	Simpler process	
Ongoing implementation of Universal Support – Delivered Locally	Support for vulnerable residents needing welfare support, support with personal budgeting and help with on line applications	Financial Independence	
Discount Review	Carry out review of Council Tax discounts	Accurate data Maximising income	
Review bailiff arrangements	Review ongoing SLA with bailiff companies to ensure delivering value for money	Maximising income. Value for money	
Transition of Northgate service to Nottingham	As per transition plan	Ongoing consistent service	
Implementation of BusinessUpload revised RVRates revaluationMaximise Small Business rates reliefApply transitional protection		Billed correctly at new amounts	
Action changes as a result of increased number of RTI information records	Action relevant changes Identify over and under payments and ensure correct benefit	Correct benefit entitlement	



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
	FERIS award	
Preparation for decisions on service delivery post 2018	Identify preferred options with members and make preparations accordingly	Value for money and efficient customer service

## Section 5 – Key Performance indicators

PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/	Updated Value		Annual	Future Targets		
Code		16 Value	16 Target		Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Custon	ner Services and Re	evenues a	nd Benefit	S					
CdCS 1 (C)	New measure for complaints - t.b.a.	N/A		N/A	N/A				
CdRB 1 (P)	Speed of processing - new HB/CTS claims (average year to date)	17.11	18	Septemb er 2016	18.75	18	18	18	18
CdRB 2 (P)	Speed of processing - changes of circumstances for HB/CTS claims (average year to date)	4.41	5	Septemb er 2016	4.08	5	5	5	5
CdRB 3 (P)	% of Council Tax collected (cumulative)	99.36 %	99.00%	Septemb er 2016	53.94 %	99.00%	99.00 %	99.00 %	99.00 %
CdRB 4 (P)	Percentage of Non-domestic Rates Collected (cumulative)	98.30 %	98.00%	Septemb er 2016	54.74 %	98.00%	98.00 %	98.00 %	98.00 %
SbCS 1 (C)	Number of complaints received (cumulative)	Annua l Indicat or	80	Septemb er 2016	31	80	80	80	80

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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/	2015/	2015/ 2015/	2015/ 2015/		Annual	Future Targets	
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20	
SbRB 1 (P)	Speed of processing - new HB/CTS claims	17.5	19.0	Septemb er 2016	18.1	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	
SbRB 2 (P)	Speed of processing - changes of circumstances for HB/CTS claims	6.9	8.0	Septemb er 2016	8.3	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	
SbRB 3 (P)	Percentage of Council Tax collected	97.9%	98.0%	Septemb er 2016	57.90 %	98.0%	98.0%	98.0%	98.3%	
SbRB 4 (P)	Percentage of non-domestic rates collected	98.8%	98.8%	Septemb er 2016	58.50 %	98.8%	98.8%	98.8%	98.9%	

### Section 6 – Critical Risks

1	Joint Working	Implementing Communication Strategy across the
		service to cascade information and receive feedback
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>Implementing Communication Strategy across the service to cascade information and receive feedback</li> </ul>
3	Financial Stability	<ul> <li>Maximisation of collection of Council Tax and Business Rates</li> </ul>
4	Workforce Issues	<ul> <li>Implementing performance management framework</li> <li>Implementing Communication Strategy across the service to cascade information and receive feedback</li> </ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	<ul> <li>Delivery of Joint Waste Contract CDC – telephone service.</li> </ul>
6	Joint/Partnership working	<ul> <li>Service proactive in looking at areas for partnership working</li> </ul>
7	Business Continuity	Service has business continuity plans
8	Information Management & Security	<ul> <li>Staff aware of data protection responsibility</li> <li>To be included as part of ongoing training</li> </ul>



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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		programme
9	New Legislative Changes	<ul> <li>Involved in changes re Welfare reform</li> <li>Attend network groups</li> <li>Plan in advance for implementation</li> </ul>
10	Affordable Housing	Work closely with Housing to prevent homelessness
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	• Customer services able to deal with requests for information on Council's position from general public
12	Demographic Changes	Service able to react to needs of its customers
13	Property/ Asset Management	Potential business rates issues that could be explored
14	Economic Viability	<ul> <li>Support customers in low employment through access to HB and Council Tax Support. Council Tax support schemes include incentives to work</li> </ul>

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB CS01 Failure to maintain an efficient and timely telephone service which impacts on customer satisfaction levels.	Regular monitoring of waiting time and abandonment rate at CDC and volumes at SBDC. Plan to implement joint telephone system and considering joint call centre and customer services team which will increase capacity.
CSB CS02 Failure to maintain an efficient and timely front of house/reception service which impacts on customer satisfaction levels.	Regular monitoring of numbers of visitors. Plan to implement joint Customer Services team which will increase capacity. Developing Customer Services strategy and increased channel shift to reduce personal callers.
CSB CS03 Failure to cope with increased demand due to changes in services and output	Regular monitoring of demand. Involvement in service reviews. Regular liaison meetings with services. Will be reviewing and developing service level agreements.
from service reviews.	Contingency plans in place for specific projects e.g. waste
CSB RB01 Failure to collect Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates to the level expected	<ul><li>KPI in contract at SBDC. Regular monitoring of contract and liaison meetings at SBDC.</li><li>Monthly performance monitoring at CDC. Maximise opportunities for payment and currently have high direct debit take up at both authorities.</li><li>Maximise methods of recovery.</li></ul>
CSB RB02 Failure to comply with regulations resulting in a loss of Housing Benefit Subsidy	Regular quality monitoring at both Councils (both client and contractor side at SBDC). Effective training programme for staff at CDC. Close liaison with external auditors, regular meetings and pre-planned audit.



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	Introducing improved performance management for individuals.
CSB RB03 Failure to set an appropriate Council Tax Reduction/Support scheme on time.	Low risk as current schemes in place. Still small risk of schemes being challenged. EQIA completed to consider equalities duty.
CSB RB04 Failure to cope with increased demand for Housing Benefit/Council Tax reductions due to economic impact	Regular monitoring of caseload and volumes of work. Performance is good currently so capacity to decrease performance to deal with increased volumes.
CSB RB05 Failure to provide an adequate fraud prevention service	Fraud partnership in place across the two Councils. Monitoring of ongoing performance. History of successful prosecutions and publicity.

### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

### **Cost information**

Customer Services – the budgeted costs for 2016/17 are the first year of the joint service. Prior to incorporation in the joint service structure, staff working on the Customer Service element of the joint waste contract were not included in the budgeted costs for Customer Services. As part of the business case for the shared service these were included in the CS budget resulting in an increase of approximately £80K in staffing costs. The budget also includes a temporary project officer post which was approved to oversee implementation of some of the changes recommended in the business case. This accounts for the increase in direct costs. The other increase relates to indirect costs which are attributable to recharges which are in the main out of the control of Customer Services. An element of these has been reviewed for the 2017/18 budget resulting in a decrease.

Revenues – The reduction in the Chiltern budget reflects the savings identified in the shared service business case. CDC has the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest cost per head of population in the comparator group. This is an improvement on last year's position of 6<sup>th</sup>.

The overall cost of the South Bucks service has increased by £97,000. The real cost of delivering the service has not increased significantly and the increase in budgeted costs is in the main due to recharges for accommodation. In previous years the recharge for accommodation had not been applied to the Housing Benefit, Business Rates and Council Tax cost centres. The recharge for the small number of desks (3) has now been applied and amounts to approximately £55k. This recharge is high because the accommodation charge for South Bucks is allocated on a per desk basis as many services are no longer located there and so have a lower desk allocation the amount is split between a smaller number of services. £37k of the increase is attributable to a reduction in government grant.

South Bucks is showing as having the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest charge per head in the comparator group. It is above the





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average for the group but beneath the average for all districts.



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## Environment

### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Contract Services
	Property Services

### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Provide refuse (including clinical waste collection), street cleansing and recycling service (As required by The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and The Household Waste and Recycling Act 2003) and in compliance with the Waste England and Wales Regulations 2011 (as amended)	Environment	
Ensuring that unwanted electrical and electronic equipment is safely treated and disposed of (EU Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Directive 2007)	Environment	$\square$
Aim to decrease the generation of residual waste and increase recycling/composting rates in line with the waste hierarchy as set out in the Waste Framework Directive, 2010	Environment	$\square$
Deal with fly tipping, littering & nuisance /abandoned vehicles (Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005/Removal and Disposal of Vehicle Regulations 1986 (plus 2002 amendments) and the relevant part of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1986)	Environment	
Responsibility for general and strategic property management including operational and non-operational property and including compliance of Council property with the Disability Discrimination Act and other related legislation / guidance	Environment for CDC, Resources for SBDC	
Riparian responsibilities and powers under the Land Drainage Act 1991	Environment	$\square$
Public Health Act – requirement to provide street name plates and street naming	Environment	$\square$
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Act as a burial authority (Cemeteries Act 1977)	Environment	$\boxtimes$
Grounds maintenance of council land, management of woodland / open spaces	Environment	
Community Right to bid	Environment	$\boxtimes$
Management of energy and water contracts and usage within Council properties and compliance with energy legislation	Environment	$\boxtimes$
Management of the Council's Asset Management Plan	Environment for CDC, Resources for SBDC	$\boxtimes$
Manage off street car parks in the district	Environment for CDC, Resources for SBDC	
Overseeing of street markets / common land	Environment	$\boxtimes$
Management of public conveniences	Environment	
South Bucks only		
Provide expert advice to Planning on Landscape related matters	Environment	$\square$
Design and implement environmental improvement schemes within the district	Environment	

### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

**Contract Services** 

Shared service review commenced and will conclude 16/17

Management of joint waste team for CDC/SBDC/WDC based at CDC and SBDC and management of joint waste, recycling and cleansing contract between Chiltern and Wycombe District Council with Serco

Management of the waste and recycling collection and street cleansing contract with Biffa for South Bucks

Promote/educate residents to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste and work with the Bucks Waste Partnership to deliver initiatives under the Waste Strategy for Buckinghamshire

Reduce fly tipping and prosecute fly tippers as part of the Illegal Dumping Costs campaign

Improve our street scene by reducing flyposting and graffiti

Management of property related contracts and grounds maintenance contracts

Estates, facilities and parking

Manage the Council's property portfolio both operational, investment, common land and public open spaces in compliance or regulations / guidance

Support leisure services by providing property advice and managed works required at Leisure



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centres / golf courses / playing fields

Manage and operate pay and display car parks in the district

Management of energy contracts to minimise costs and reduce carbon emissions produced by the council properties

To manage the street naming / numbering process within the District

Riparian responsibilities and powers under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and emergency response to flooding and general support

For SBDC design and implement environmental improvement schemes throughout the district and provide advice to planning regarding landscaping schemes

### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

**Contract Services** 

Shared service review for waste services was completed and new team for CDC/SBDC/WDC is in place

Working with the Waste Partnership for Bucks to plan delivery of DCLG funded projects to increase participation in food waste collections, to reduce residual waste and increase recycling and quality of recycling collected

Joint waste service (CDC/WDC) - Recycling rates continue to be over 50% Recycling rate for 2015/16 waste 52.56% and this continues to exceed the national recycling rate which is below 50%

Joint waste service (CDC/WDC) – new streamlined collection calendars designed, printed and delivered to timescale to approx. 98,000 households (CDC/WDC)

CDC - Successful mass renewal process for approx. 11,000 chargeable garden waste customers in August/September. Current total number of households subscribed to the service is over 15,000

Joint waste service (CDC/WDC)- undertook a survey with residents to establish the preferred method of communicating waste collection calendar dates – most residents prefer a paper based calendar but the publication for 2016/17 was streamlined to provide better value for money

Estates, facilities and Parking

Shared service review implemented in Parking, Estates and Facilities

Future office space planning undertaken to maximise effectiveness of the councils' office space

Led on new joint crematorium at Aylesbury and planning consent now granted

Management of property portfolio to budget and progressing capital projects

Cleared Capswood 1 first floor and refurbished for letting purposes

Introduced new working hours for the on-site caretaker at Capswood to provide a better service to



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customers

Provided numerous open days at Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens which were warmly received by South Bucks residents and other visitors

Carried out numerous internal moves in KGVH to free up more space

Managed the highly successful "Ditch the Paper" campaign to reduce waste and free up more much needed storage and working space

Introduced a new FM Helpdesk to make reporting works and issues easier for customers and more manageable for the FM team

Currently completing the final stages of the building maintenance and cleaning tender to provide a more streamlined and cost effective FM service

Currently working on an action group to introduce mobile and flexible working throughout both councils

Increased off-street car parking spaces. Approval received to submit a planning application for an extension to the existing multi-storey car park in Amersham and build a multi-storey car park in Gerrards Cross on the existing Station Road surface car park. This equates to an additional 366 spaces in Amersham and an additional 328 spaces in Gerrards Cross

Rolled out customer web access for parking fines. Work is currently in progress. The system is expected to be up and running for the new financial year

### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Chiltern

### Who are the main customers for the service?

Chiltern has a population of 94,545 and 39,337 households. Wycombe District has a population of 174,878 and 71,559 households for which waste services are delivered in partnership with Chiltern. A waste and recycling collection service is provided to all the households within the District, together with a Collect and Return and clinical waste collection service. Schools and interest groups within the district are visited as part of the waste communication initiatives. Street cleansing, litter collection and fly tip removal are also carried out across both districts, providing residents with a clean local environment to live and work in.

An annual review takes place of all customers on 'collect & return' lists and clinical collection lists to ensure that we are still meeting their needs.

Property services also provide services to all residents within the district. Some services are utilised by customers as and when required such as street naming, use of the cemeteries, sports field etc.



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Some services, such as the Chilterns Crematorium and the 18 pay and display car parks providing spaces, will have an extended customer base.

Property services also have internal customers as they are responsible for facilities management at Amersham offices and various tenanted property / land.

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### Who are the main customers for the service?

South Bucks has a population of 69,120 and 28,587 households. A waste and recycling collection service is provided to all the households within the District, together with an assisted collection service and clinical waste collection service. With 0.4% of households from the Gypsy and Traveller communities, the 7th highest concentration nationally, it is important their particular needs are met regarding waste and recycling services.

A public consultation exercise was undertaken between April and June 2013 prior to the introduction of the new waste and recycling collection service. This primarily focussed on the new proposed service and gave residents the opportunity to express preferences for bin colours and how we collect batteries and textiles. As well as taking views into account we also asked for feedback. 14% either praised the new service or welcomed the changes and a focus group's suggestion to describe the bin type in braille on the lid was implemented.

Property services also provide services to all residents within the district. Some services are utilised by customers as and when required such as street naming, use of the cemeteries, sports field etc. Some services, such as pay and display car parking, will have an extended customer base of local businesses and people travelling into the district for work or leisure.

Property services also have internal customers as they are responsible for facilities management at Capswood offices.

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#### Section 4 – Action plan List of Key Actions/ What will be the key outcomes Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions and benefits seen by residents Projects **Contract Services** Implement Contender Cost effective and efficient SBDC property database installed and database for SBDC integrated with existing CDC/SBDC handling of service requests and database logging of reports Provision of clear information Harmonisation of waste Improved ways of working and policies and procedures updated waste policies published on and consistency for residents across CDC/WDC/SBDC web sites Improved process for Scoping options for process and Improved on line subscription/ chargeable garden waste implementing improvements renewal process for residents renewals and subscriptions for CDC/SBDC More resilience provided for call Migration of SBDC tier To be introduced by Quarter one one waste calls to handling **Customer Services** Further rationalisation of Removing recycling centres which are Improving local neighbourhoods abused and which attract the and using resources recycling centres dumping of fly tipped waste and appropriately commercial waste **Review Assisted Collection** Annual review to ensure service is No change List provided to those who need it Review Clinical collection Review of information held to check it No change service is up to date Complete any outstanding Ongoing project Improved services for residents recycling service changes in flats in Flats -SBDC Reorganisation of storage Joint project with property team None capacity for waste receptacles From January 2017, our contractors Additional monitoring of Improved services for residents Serco will be carrying out additional cleansing standards monitoring of cleansing standards across Wycombe and Chiltern District





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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
	areas. This will include monitoring of litter bin emptying, and feedback on the need for provision of additional litter bins in key locations.	
Estates, facilities and parkin	g	
Maximise the potential of the Councils' property assets, including best use of Council offices	Review options Seek approval for direction Develop action plan to deliver Implement action plan	Value for money
Maximise car park income and ensure well managed services	Monitor income against costs Regular checks Review charges	Good car parking service
Maximise cemetery park income and ensure well managed services	Monitor income against costs Regular checks Review charges	Good cemetery park service
Maximise energy savings	Refer to carbon reduction plans	Lower costs
Ensure non-operational property managed correctly		Maintain income to council To enable leisure, community and waste services have fit for purpose buildings
Progress second crematorium site (CDC)	Refer to project plan when developed	Improved service

### **Section 5 – Key Performance indicators**

PI			2015/	2015/ 2015/	Name 2015/ 2015/			Annual	Fut	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20		
Environ	ment										
CdWR	Customer	86.7%	86%	Sept	85.6	84.4	86%	86%	86%		
1 (C)	satisfaction	00.770	0070	2016	%	%	0070	0070	00%		



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	survey (every six months)								
CdWR 3 (P)	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (cumulative)	52.53 %	57.00%	Sept 2016	55.92 %	53.00 %	53.00 %	53.00 %	53.00 %
CdWR 4 (C)	Household refuse collections, number of containers missed per month (calculated on wkly basis)	New PI	New PI	Sept 2016	1,407	1,733	1,733	1,733	1,733
SbWR 1 (C)	Household refuse collections, number of containers missed per month (calculated by P&C team on wkly basis)	1077	125	Sept 2016	100	100	100	100	100
SbWR 3 (C)	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting (cumulative)	52.82 %	50.00%	Sept 2016	54.58 %	53.00%	55.00 %	56.00 %	56.00 %

### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Environment Classification: OFFICIAL



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## **Shared Service Plan Summary**

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	<ul> <li>Shared services will be in place for car parking and properties and facilities</li> </ul>
2	Transformation and Management of Change	• Service reviews encourage and support staff on a path to continuous improvement
3	Financial Stability	Savings generated from service reviews.
4	Workforce Issues	<ul><li>Workforce planning</li><li>Training and development of staff</li></ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	<ul> <li>This service leads on this area and will continue to monitor, consult and review service delivery and manage the service level agreements</li> <li>Monitoring of EU and UK legislation</li> </ul>
6	Joint/Partnership working	• n/a
7	Business Continuity	<ul> <li>Environment business continuity plans to be updated</li> <li>Supports emergencies such as loss of power at council offices</li> </ul>
8	Information Management & Security	• n/a
9	New Legislative Changes	• n/a
10	Affordable Housing	• n/a
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	• n/a
12	Demographic Changes	• n/a
13	Property/ Asset Management	This service leads in this area and will continue to seek improvements
14	Economic Viability	• n/a

#### Operational risk code and title



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB PFE01 Failure to provide a safe environment for users of Council property	<ol> <li>Services well specified and contractors monitored for performance against contract, compliance with legislation and H &amp; S risks managed.</li> <li>Ensure adequate Health and Safety measures are in place.</li> <li>Officers are trained in relevant legislation. Additional training provided as required. Clear procedures in place.</li> <li>Limited out of hours service provided to cover any out of hour situations, if contractors available.</li> <li>Constant monitoring of contractors throughout projects to ensure safe delivery.</li> <li>COSHH regulations followed and contractors informed accordingly.</li> <li>Asbestos policy in place and inspections take place. Asbestos report at each operational property in H &amp; S file.</li> <li>Fire risk assessments for all operational properties and inspections take place. Fire risk assessment in H &amp; S files in each operational property. Fire systems maintained.</li> <li>Annual testing of utilities carried out and any necessary maintenance carried out.</li> <li>Ensure leases / licenses are drafted in accordance with good practice. Ensure tenants comply with lease terms. Asset register updated regularly.</li> <li>Council procurement and project management rules followed and project planned accordingly.</li> <li>Major environmental improvement schemes to have robust project plans.</li> </ol>
CSB PFE04 Illegal Occupancy of Council Land	<ul> <li>Early warning of movement through joint working with BCC traveller unit.</li> <li>Physical barriers to prevent access.</li> <li>Established procedures with TVP &amp; BCC to effect quickest removal permitted by legal constraints. Established procedures for removal of debris &amp; detritus after occupancy of land.</li> </ul>
CSB PFE05 Failure to provide an effective, quality crematorium service	<ol> <li>Full IT back-up service provided by CDC IT, with short term manual back-up procedures in place for short outages.</li> <li>Paper records help in fireproof cabinets until backed up on computer.</li> <li>Robust staff recruitment, selection, performance management and training procedures in place.</li> <li>Staff trained to multi-task including grounds maintenance and office staff as relief cremator operators.</li> </ol>
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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	<ol> <li>5. Facility in place with telephone provider (BT) to redirect 'phones to Crematorium mobile in the event of telephone line problems.</li> <li>6. Superintendent ensures procedures are in place to minimise as far as possible single person dependence with all work procedures fully documented ensuring details of bookings and cremations are fully checked and confirmed.</li> <li>7. Segregation of duties in place with responsibilities fully defined.</li> <li>8. Buildings and associated plant and equipment routinely maintained in good condition, including fire alarm and security systems.</li> <li>9. Emergency generator installed in the event of a power failure.</li> <li>10. Emergency plan in place and volunteers from participating authorities have been identified and trained to help run the Crematorium in the event of a disaster or epidemic.</li> <li>11. Periodic refresher training takes place, new staff are fully trained in all procedures and all staff are trained to strictly follow procedures.</li> </ol>
CSB WR01 Failure to provide services within required timescales including inclement weather and following appropriate legislation	Officers are trained in relevant legislation. Additional training provided as required. Clear procedures in place.
CSB WR02 Failure to ensure operations are carried out to minimise the risk of an incident caused by a health and safety breach.	Officers use appropriate PPE and follow RA's, visit in pairs / use Wycombe Alert system at weekends / evenings. Services well specified and contractors monitored for performance against contract, compliance with legislation and H & S risks managed. Procedure in place for dealing with release of chemicals/pollution as a result of fly tipping, and H & S controls are in place. Work underway on reviewing risk assessments and SSOW (Safe systems of work). Officer training is being reviewed and joint training with contractors under consideration. Work underway on reviewing risk assessments and SSOW (Safe systems of work). Officer training is being reviewed and joint training with contractors under consideration.



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### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

### Summary – Cost information - CDC

Waste and recycling - 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 per head of population and cost is 8.74% lower than in 2014/15. Costs have reduced due to shared service between Chiltern and Wycombe.

Street cleansing - 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 per head of population and cost is 12.32% lower than in 2014/15. Costs are below average due to benefits gained from the joint contract.

Public Offices – cost is 25.76% lower than in 2014/15.

Cemeteries –  $10^{th}$  out of 18 per head of population and cost is 32.08% lower than in 2014/15. There is only one cemetery in the district.

Parking – 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18 per head of population and 15.85% more income than in 2014/15. This is better than average because of the lower proportion of free car parking.

Parks and open spaces –  $6^{th}$  out of 18 per head of population and costs are 11.61% higher than in 2014/15.

### Summary – Cost information - SBDC

Waste and recycling - 16<sup>th</sup> out of 18 per head of population and cost is 29.26% more than in 2014/15. We are likely to remain one of the most expensive for waste collection costs per head of population within this comparator group because we have the lowest property numbers across a largely rural district (and hence lack capacity for economies of scale), the enviable security of our own depot, and a recycling rate of over 50%.

Street Cleansing –  $11^{th}$  out of 18 per head of population and cost is 49.62% less than in 2014/15. The result is driven by low head count in the district and its rural nature.

Public Offices - cost is 9.34% less than in 2014/15

Cemeteries – 18<sup>th</sup> out of 18 per head of population and cost is 5.34% more than in 2014/15. We have the highest cost within the comparator group, mainly due to the award winning Stoke Poges Memorial Garden.



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Parking –  $16^{th}$  out of 18 per head of population and 4.99% more income than in 2014/15. This is better than average because of the lower proportion of free car parking.

Parks and open spaces – 1<sup>st</sup> out of 18 per head of population and 124.44% more income than in 2014/15. This is better due to income from Stoke Place.



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## Finance

### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Finance
	Internal Audit

### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
<ul> <li>Finance</li> <li>Production and monitoring of the Medium Term Financial Strategy</li> <li>Provision of core financial services - creditor payments, payroll, insurance, sundry debtor invoicing, banking services</li> <li>Provision of core accounting services - budget setting, budget monitoring, final accounts, completion of statutory returns, financial advice</li> <li>Management of the Council's cash flow and investments</li> </ul>	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	(Partially)
<ul> <li>Procurement</li> <li>Production and monitoring of procurement strategy and assistance with its implementation</li> </ul>	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	(Partially)
<ul> <li>Internal Audit</li> <li>Provision of an assurance function that provides an independent and objective opinion to the organisation on the control environment, by evaluating its effectiveness in achieving the organisation's objectives</li> </ul>	Support Services (CDC) Resources (SBDC)	
External Audit <ul> <li>Liaison with external audit</li> </ul>	Support Services (CDC) Resources	

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**Key Service Aims & Objectives** 

A) Help maintain effective governance arrangements throughout the organisation

B) Assist the Authority to improve the VFM that it provides (including issues relating to procurement)

C) Provide value for money financial services that are driven by customer needs

D) Ensure the Authority has sufficient financial knowledge and experience to meet its needs

### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

Finance

The CDC Cash Receipting system was rolled out to SBDC, generating process standardisation and simplification

Re-let Cash Collection contract

We again received unqualified audit opinions on the Councils' formal statutory Accounts, and the Charitable Trust's Accounts

Re-let the joint Treasury Management Advice contract

Continued to support changes to the financial management arrangements, as a result of the creation of more joint teams

### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Who are the main customers for the service?

The main customers of Finance are internal. However we do interact with suppliers and debtors. Joint working has made it very important for Finance to be able to provide consistent financial information across the 2 authorities. There is also a continuing need to correctly account for joint working initiatives.

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(SBDC)

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### Section 4 – Action plan

List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents					
Finance	Finance						
Help keep the longer term financial strategy up to date to address the funding gap and longer term funding pressures	This needs to take into account the proposed changes to local authority funding, specifically the proposal for 100% retention of NDR monies and the phasing out of RSG	Value for money					
Closedown the Statutory Accounts earlier	- Trust, Crem - CDC, SBDC	Preparation for statutory requirement					
Tender the external audit contracts for CDC and SBDC (contracts end with audit of 17/18 Accounts)	Sign up to PSAA arrangement	Value for money					
Retender for joint Banking services – Contract expires 31 March 18		Value for money					
Support the Councils with their capital investment plans (ie car parks, Chiltern pools, SBDC Strategic Asset Review)	Business Case Development Obtaining PWLB borrowing Registering for CIS	Value for money					
Help set up a trading	Consideration of VAT and corporate	Value for money					

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company (ie if this is an outcome from the SBDC Strategic Asset Review)	taxation issues	
Help devise appropriate financial management arrangements for the new Aylesbury Crematorium	-	Value for money
Review VAT partial exemption calculations	-	Value for money
Continue to implement finance process improvements (including streamlining and improving payroll / HR processes)	eg reduce cheque usage, reviewing use of bank giro credit slips, electronic payslips for members etc	Value for money

### Section 5 – Key Performance indicators

PI Code	Short Name	2015/ 16 Value	2015/ 16 Target	Updated	Value	Annual Target 2016/ 17	Future Targets		
							2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Covered within monthly budget monitoring pack									

### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	<ul> <li>Provision of clear financial information to support joint working business cases and financial monitoring of joint working initiatives will provide objective assurance</li> </ul>

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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate	
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>Provision of clear financial information to support transformation projects will provide objective assurance</li> </ul>	
3	Financial Stability	<ul> <li>Provision of clear, timely and reliable financial information is essential to mitigate this risk</li> </ul>	
4	Workforce Issues	• N/A	
5	Waste & Environmental Services	• N/A	
6	Joint/Partnership working	• N/A	
7	Business Continuity	• We will continue to keep the Finance business continuity arrangements up to date	
8	Information Management & Security	• We will be reviewing the finance file plans and we will continue to keep the Finance retention schedule up to date	
9	New Legislative Changes	<ul> <li>Monitoring and reacting to changes to financial legislation</li> </ul>	
10	Affordable Housing	• N/A	
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	• N/A	
12	Demographic Changes	Financial modelling provided if required	
13	Property/ Asset Management	• Provision of clear financial information to support asset management decisions	
14	Economic Viability	• N/A	

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB BR01 The Authority is unable to set a robust Medium Term Financial Strategy	<ol> <li>Possible changes to the national funding formula are monitored and the LGA lobbies to protect member's interests. However this risk cannot be fully controlled</li> <li>Achievement of savings is given a high priority within the Council, and progress is monitored via the monthly budget monitoring reports. Significant saving projects are also managed in accordance with the Councils' project management framework.</li> <li>Regular updates of MTFS</li> <li>Seek further savings</li> </ol>



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB BR02 The Authority could have to hold a Council Tax referendum	<ol> <li>Tax increase to be set at or below the Government guideline figure (subject to Member agreement)</li> <li>Members to be fully briefed on implications of tax referendum</li> <li>Appeal against the decision (if possible)</li> </ol>
CSB BR03 The Authority will fail to keep within its annual revenue budget	<ol> <li>Use reserves to fund overspending</li> <li>Seek further in year savings</li> <li>Planning decisions should be made based on the best professional advice reducing the risk of appeal. In addition the s151 officer takes account of this risk when considering the appropriate level of reserves</li> <li>Income budgets are set prudently. Firm debt recovery processes in place. Monitoring of key income areas is undertaken monthly. Activity data monitoring is in place</li> <li>Professional staff are involved in relevant areas and, where appropriate, training is provided to ensure current standards are understood and implemented</li> <li>Achievement of savings is given a high priority within the Council, and progress is monitored via the monthly budget monitoring reports. Significant saving projects are also managed in accordance with the Councils' project management framework</li> <li>Contracts are only awarded to suppliers which meet our tender criteria. Contracts are monitored and often performance bonds or other guarantees are in place</li> <li>The Workforce plan aims to ensure staff issues are dealt with appropriately. HR monitor turnover rates and exit interviews are conducted to understand why staff leave. Joint working arrangements also help provide resilience</li> <li>HR monitor pay rates and keep the grading structure under review. Where necessary the Authority is also willing to pay market supplements etc</li> <li>Pay estimate is set prudently</li> <li>Contracts are let by competitive tender and where appropriate benchmarked against 'in-house' bids. Joint tender opportunities are considered and specifications are written with a view to the likely cost</li> <li>Performance targets are challenging and carefully monitored. However the Council has accepted that certain costs will fall outside of the budgeted costs and has therefore accepted this issue</li> </ol>



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	<ul> <li>13. Cost pressures are monitored via budget monitoring. Budget framework provides for expenditure to be contained within the approved budgets. New areas of significant expenditure have to be approved by Members</li> <li>14. There is regular monitoring of investment returns and action is taken when performance is unsatisfactory. In addition we obtain independent support and advice from a specialist financial advisor. Some funds held as long term fixed rate investments</li> <li>15. Budgets monitored monthly, reported to Management Team and Cabinet and any areas of concern are highlighted so that early action can be taken to bring any overspend back in line with the budget</li> </ul>
CSB BR04 The Authority will fail to keep within its capital programme	<ol> <li>Review the remaining capital programme</li> <li>The capital receipts budget is set prudently. Major projects, including asset sales, are managed in accordance with the Council's project management framework and regular update reports are presented to Members</li> <li>Major capital projects are managed in accordance with the Council's project management framework and regular update reports are presented to Members</li> </ol>
CSB FS01 Inaccurate Financial Information	Adequately resourced finance team, internal control framework
CSB FS02 Treasury Management	Investments are only made in line with the Treasury Management Strategy and with institutions with good credit ratings
CSB FS03 Fraud/Error	Internal control framework, Internal Audit
CSB FS04 Non Compliance with Financial Rules & Regulations	Internal control framework, Internal Audit, skilled and experienced finance team, training etc

#### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

#### **Cost information**

The cost of the finance service has reduced over the past 5 years. Direct Costs CDC + SBDC 2012/13 £945,190 Direct Costs CDC + SBDC 2016/17 £818,900 13% reduction.

The cost of Internal Audit has reduced over the past 5 years



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Direct Costs CDC + SBDC 2012/13 £131,150 Direct Costs CDC + SBDC 2016/17 £115,105 12% reduction.



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## Healthy Communities

### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Community and Leisure
	Community Safety
	Environmental Health
	Housing
	Licensing

### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
<b>Housing</b> - Housing Strategy, Homelessness, Housing Advice and Allocations, Housing Conditions (Grants, Advice and Enforcement) and Energy Efficiency (CDC only)	Communities, Health and Housing (CDC) Healthy Communities (SBDC)	
<b>Environmental Health</b> - Health and Safety, Food Safety and Pest and Dog Control, Health Protection and Public Health Emergency Planning Business Continuity, Air Quality, and remediating contaminated land, Water/flood management (CDC only)	Communities, Health and Housing (CDC) Healthy Communities (SBDC)	
Climate Change, Sustainability, Environmental Project Management e.g. HS2, Aviation, Flooding (CDC) Carbon management and energy efficiency (SBDC)	Environment (CDC) Environment (SBDC)	
<b>Community Safety</b> – Reducing Crime and Disorder, Preventing Violent Extremism and reducing Antisocial behaviour	Communities, Health and Housing (CDC) Healthy Communities (SBDC)	
Licensing – Taxi, Private Hire, Premises, Alcohol, Street Trading	Communities, Health	



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and Collections, and Animal Licensing	and Housing (CDC)	
	Healthy Communities (SBDC)	
<b>Community &amp; Leisure</b> - Community Engagement and Cohesion, Safeguarding, Grants, Leisure Client, Sports Development, Community and Partnerships, Health Inequalities and Community Transport	Communities, Health and Housing (CDC) Healthy Communities (SBDC)	

#### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

Community & Leisure

Enable the Council to safeguard vulnerable adults and children and young people

Oversee the delivery of customer focussed leisure services at the Councils' leisure centres to ensure they meet the needs of the community

Review existing leisure facility infrastructure and plan effectively to provide appropriate and sufficient provision up to 2045

Work with community transport providers (both voluntary and via Dial – A - Ride) to make sure the services are available for those who most need them and that the potential users are aware of what's available

To provide a range of affordable sporting and cultural activities that will help assist young people, adults, the hard to reach and those with disabilities participate as part of the cohesive and participating wider community

Work closely with partners to develop services that help reduce antisocial behaviour, social isolation and improve community engagement and participation

To work in partnership to support and develop the community and voluntary sector infrastructure to deliver services and support to meet identified needs

Support the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and older people through the Prevention Matters and delivery of Senior Health Fairs and delivering actions arising from the countywide Adult Wellbeing, Healthy Eating and Active Bucks strategies

To facilitate the Councils' grant funding programmes to support community groups to be able to continue to deliver much needed services, improvements and initiatives to the community. These grants are both capital and revenue

To agree the Community & Wellbeing Plans to support Community infrastructure and build capacity within both Chiltern and South Bucks

Community Safety

Reduce house burglary, non-dwelling burglary, theft from vehicles and violent behaviour in our communities



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Reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities

Protect vulnerable individuals and communities at risk of fraud

Reduce the fear of crime and perception of anti-social behaviour

Safeguard Communities and Individuals at risk of Domestic Violence, Extremism, Child Sexual Exploitation, Modern Slavery and FGM

**Environmental Health** 

Improve service quality to enable communities, residents and businesses to resolve their service requests at the first point of contact or close to the first time of asking

Provide effective and efficient regulatory services that meets customer needs

Provide effective partnership working to protect and improve public health and environmental quality and mitigate the impact of major projects

Develop a service that supports mitigating the impact of Climate Change and support the community to reduce carbon emissions

Improve the resilience of both Local Authorities to meet increasing demands and respond effectively to emergencies

Continue to develop shared policies and procedures to deliver more efficient services

Housing

To provide Housing advice and assistance to prevent or reduce homelessness whilst minimising the associated costs to the Councils

To facilitate the provision of new affordable housing and make the best use of the housing stock to meet housing need

Provide housing assistance and choice based lettings through the operation of the Bucks Home Choice policy and web based system

To address the needs of an increasingly elderly population and the needs of vulnerable people (including the delivery of advice, assistance and financial support to deliver repairs, improvements and adaptations to the home)

Promote healthy living, well-being and address health inequalities (by tackling poor and/or unsuitable housing conditions)

To support the delivery of home energy efficiency assisting the council to meet its Home Energy Conservation Act responsibilities and targets

Licensing

Protect the public through the operation of effective Licensing strategies, processes and enforcement

Deliver a consistent, transparent licensing and enforcement system across both Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils



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Further develop effective pre application and advice services for applicants and residents

#### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

Community and Leisure

Supported the rollout of superfast broadband in Chesham

Delivered the Open Spaces and Playing Pitch strategy and Leisure Facilities Strategy for both Councils which will inform the future needs and delivery of leisure

Delivered the Councils' grant funding programmes which have supported over fifty community groups helping lever in an additional £1million across both districts

Reviewed and introduced the Safeguarding policies to mainstream actions to protect Children and vulnerable persons

Undertaken a Feasibility and Options Appraisal as to the replacement needs of the Chiltern Pools

Supported community groups to participate in building resilient communities (Volunteer training, funding workshops and mentoring) as well as celebrating and recognising local volunteers through the Community Awards event

Worked with BCC to enable the continued use of the Evreham Centre until 2021

Delivered workforce health programme in partnership with local Clinical Commissioning Group including staff health checks, lunchtime leisure activities, discounted access to leisure centres lunchtime health fairs

Over 1 million customer visits across Chiltern and South Bucks leisure centres and over 20,000 throughput in the leisure contract outreach programme targeting isolated older residents, young people and disadvantaged communities

Improvements in leisure centre facilities including the redevelopment of Prestwood Leisure Centre car park and the upgrading of both reception and fitness suites at Chesham and Chiltern Pools centres

**Environmental Health** 

Implemented the shared service review of Environmental Health delivering a single team and improving work flows and service outcomes

Resolved some long term unresolved nuisance cases e.g. Iver Sewage Works fly nuisance

Integrated the database systems and document imaging in to a single system

Implemented the IPPC module for risk rating regulated industrial pollution premises

Introduced the Enterprise workflow system allowing service requests to be monitored

Introduced targeted approach to improving the low or zero rated food premises

Delivered a robust response to serious breaches of regulatory controls resulting in prosecution and



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the service of enforcement notices aimed to improve outcomes

Work on mitigation of the impact of major projects such as HS2 and informing the policies and strategies in relation to the major transport project eg M4 Smart Motorway, HS2, Heathrow, WRATH, Crossrail, East West Rail

Supported the Council to address its Health and Safety, Business Continuity and Emergency planning risks

Housing

Undertook the Joint Housing members Workshop to identify actions to be considered in the Housing Strategy

Reviewed the Private Housing Strategy and Financial Assistance Plan for both Councils

Delivered the Green Deal Communities Project securing 629 improved homes across the partnership receiving Awards and Commendations for the partnership project

Reviewed and re-commissioned the LOCATA contract to support the Bucks Choice Housing solution

Delivered 49 disabled facilities grants (DFGs) in CDC and SBDC during first 6 months of 2016/17 enabling persons to remain at home

Established the Chiltern Affordable Housing Members Working Group to assist in taking a strategic approach to Affordable Housing delivery and identified a number of site opportunities for potential schemes (including joint working with Paradigm Housing)

Secured the commitment to acquire land and negotiated with developers to deliver affordable housing on site in South Bucks

Worked with Planning and Building Control to address housing standards issues through enforcement activity and supported multi-agency enforcement action in several challenging cases

Worked with agencies and Revs and Bens to address the potential impact of the changes to Housing Benefit and reduction in Benefits Cap

Addressed the complex needs of Homelessness clients enabling clients to secure appropriate accommodation or to determine the Council no longer had a duty to assist

Supported the Council to review and address the issue of empty homes through joint working with Capacity Grid and Revs and Bens (increasing the potential for additional New Home Bonus)

Supported the delivery of 35 affordable housing units on site in Chiltern through the use of S106 agreements at Lincoln Park (Amersham), Lindo Close (Chesham) and Donkey Field (Little Chalfont). Secured the delivery of 12 affordable rented units on site in South Bucks at Station Road, Taplow through S.106 agreement and funding support to Registered Provider

Licensing

Reviewed the Taxi and Private Hire policy

Reviewed and Harmonised all licensing fees

Reduced licensing operational costs from £156k in 2012/13 to £10k in 2016 through the introduction



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of the shared service

The majority of applications that Licensing deals with are now available electronically. The most recent figures showed that 96% of applications were completed using online forms where this is possible

Delivered training for Taxi and Private hire drivers and operators on safeguarding and child sexual exploitation (CSE)

Extended the range of licensing applications available online

New structured website forms being implemented for key issues that we are contacted about. E.g. Taxi accident reporting, and licensee change of address

Processing of applications has been achieved within good timeframes. Most recent figures showed that in the most recent quarter 99% of licences were dealt with within the required timescales

**Community Safety** 

Promoted the Community Responder initiative to communities across both Councils

Raised awareness of Dementia through creating Dementia friendly communities

Undertook a complex Domestic Homicide Review involving 10 partners working across Wycombe and South Bucks

Delivered the Community Cards Scheme involving 32 schools

Delivered Section 17 awareness as part of staff induction process

Increased the number of NHW co-ordinators following a proactive campaign to encourage take-up

Provided Safeguarding training to members of the BME community e.g. Chesham Mosque and both the Asian Volleyball team and the Asian Cricket team

Developed an awareness campaign to highlight the courier and other fraud scams that are impacting on the district

Supported the roll out of the Early Help process

#### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Who are the main customers for the service?

The service reviews have enabled a better understanding of customer needs. This has resulted in proposals to change systems that will reduce the costs of service transactions and enable customers to get the information they require or undertake their business transactions when they need to. Our customers may be vulnerable in terms of: poor health, low income, threatened with homelessness; or vulnerable through race, disability, sex or gender, religion or belief, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity or affected by the environment in which they live.



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Our aim is to ensure customers receive service(s) right first time, at the time of asking reducing the need for repeat working. In delivering this service we will be ensuring information and advice is available through the website and via the telephone and face to face services will operate. We will seek to maintain accurate case records so that applications or service requests are delivered in a timely manner benefiting the customer or those affected by the customers' actions This will be monitored through: complaints against the service or Ombudsman enquiries, customer satisfaction comments and resolution times.

List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
Environmental Health	·	
Mobile working pilot in Environmental Health	<ul> <li>Agree Project Plan</li> <li>Implement project plan</li> <li>Test</li> <li>Review</li> </ul>	Improved access to services, quicker and more efficient processing
Targeting Food Businesses	Working to improve the worst performing food businesses	Improved food businesses
Better working with business	Seek opportunities to reduce excessive tasks and target added value services for business	Improved targeted guidance and services
	Develop new business area of the websites	
Processing HS2 applications	HS2 Project Board agreement Process Mapped service	Efficient in dealing with HS2 using skills developed over last 5 years
	Process applications	
Major infrastructure	Seek to mitigate the impacts of national infrastructure projects on the Districts	Lesser impact of developments
Public Spaces Protect Order Review	Review the Order and update following consultation and liaison with TVP	Improved ability to tackle issues
Noise procedures	Enable service requests to be received via the Mobile App	Improved ability to tackle issues

### Section 4 – Action plan



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents	
Deliver actions across both councils to improve air quality and reduce the impact of climate change	<ul> <li>Establish the Air quality Partnership</li> <li>Develop the Air Quality Action Plan</li> </ul>	Reduced ill health through poorly insulated dwellings Opportunity for business investment creating employment	
Chesham Culvert	Undertake actions to reduce the risk of Chesham culvert flooding in partnership with BCC and EA	Improved ability to tackle issues	
Long term service requests	Undertake actions to reduce the repeat long term service requests	Improved ability to tackle issues	
Work through the Customer Services Strategy to meet customer needs at the first point of contact	<ul> <li>Enable customers to access advice and support through web, phone</li> <li>Enable customers to upload data regarding service requests enabling real- time response</li> <li>Enable customers to access advice and support through web, phone, or through communities</li> </ul>	Improved ability to tackle issues	
Business Continuity Plan	<ul><li>Review and update the plan</li><li>Test the plan</li></ul>	cost effective, customer focused services	
Emergency Plan	<ul><li>Review and update the plan</li><li>Test the plan</li></ul>	cost effective, customer focused services	
Health and Safety Policies and procedures	<ul> <li>Review and update the risk assessments and procedures</li> <li>Monitor compliance</li> </ul>	cost effective, customer focused services	
Joint Sustainability and Energy Use Plan	<ul> <li>Consultation</li> <li>Approval</li> <li>Implementation</li> <li>Maximise external funding opportunities or</li> <li>Invest capital to secure payback</li> </ul>	conserve the environment and promote sustainability	
Housing			
Police houses used for Temporary Accommodation	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district Lease income from tenants utilising the property offsetting costs of B+B	Improved ability to tackle issues	
Agree redevelop proposals for GX police station site	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district Lease income from tenants utilising the	Improved ability to tackle issues	



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
	property offsetting costs of B+B	
Agree development proposals Summers Road Car Park	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district Lease income from tenants utilising the property offsetting costs of B+B	Improved ability to tackle issues
Agree development proposals for 'Land at Amersham'	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district	Improved ability to tackle issues
Amersham	Lease income from tenants utilising the property offsetting costs of B+B	
Agree affordable housing development on other CDC owned sites	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district Lease income from tenants utilising the property offsetting costs of B+B	Improved ability to tackle issues
Agree affordable housing development on PHG owned sites	Reduced costs of B+B by accommodating within the district Lease income from tenants utilising the property offsetting costs of B+B	Improved ability to tackle issues
Develop a joint housing and homelessness strategy to best meet statutory responsibilities and maximise affordable housing provision	<ul> <li>use information on customer needs and available resources to draft strategy</li> <li>review actions to prevent homelessness</li> <li>seek approval</li> <li>implement strategy</li> <li>develop action plan</li> <li>deliver action plan</li> </ul>	Improved housing service
Temporary Accommodation strategy		Improved ability to tackle issues.
Support joint working with BCC to enable Disabled Adaptations to be delivered to those in need	Work with partners to ensure Better Care Funding is targeted at service delivery	Improved ability to tackle issues
Enforce Housing standards as necessary	Address standards issues in homes of multiple occupancy (HMO), Private rented and owner occupied premises to protect the vulnerable occupant	Improved ability to tackle issues
Improve energy efficiency in dwellings	Address fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth through partnership actions	Improved ability to tackle issues



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents		
Community and Leisure				
Consider the Consultation findings in relation to the Chiltern pools project	Community consultation to identify gaps in Feasibility Plan	Improved access to high quality leisure facilities		
	Review Feasibility Plan			
	Develop project plan to proceed			
Establish and implement the Chiltern Pools project	Invest to save opportunity to deliver a new leisure facility	Improved access to high quality leisure facilities		
	Develop detailed project plan required to proceed to development stage			
	Issue tenders and appoint contractors			
Establish the SBDC Leisure working group to implement the strategic Review	Identify opportunities to deliver the Leisure Strategy	Improved access to high quality leisure facilities		
Establish Evreham mitigation Project	Invest to save opportunity to deliver a new leisure facility	Improved access to high quality leisure facilities		
	Release site for affordable housing delivery			
Review the delivery of the Lottery	Assess income generation against the current Council demands for community funding	Improved access to community funding		
Widen the Community funding streams	Assess income generation against the current Council demands for community funding	Improved access to community funding		
Deliver the Community Wellbeing Plan	Empower communities to deliver services and develop community resilience	Increase community engagement		
Community Safety & Licensing				
Harmonise the Street Trading Licensing policies	Review policies	Improved control of street trading and income generation		
	Consultation			



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
	Adopt policies	
Implement the Taxi and Private hire Policy	Review policies Consultation Adopt policies	Improved control of taxi/Private hires vehicles and drivers
Review of street collection guidance	Review guidance Consider whether to create policies Consult (if necessary) Adopt new guidance/policies	Improved agreed approach to procedure and management of street collections in the districts
Review of licensing pages both websites	Webpages to be reviewed in terms of how 'customer friendly' they are, with the aim of making it easier for the public to understand guidance	Information on websites easier to understand, leading to less wasted time and a more efficient Licensing service
Review Licencing Act policies	Review each policy and consult in time for statutory review of each	Policies reviewed in line with legislative timescales
Redesign of Applications to make them more user- friendly and modern	Will be carried out by Victoria forms (external provider) so action is to chase these changes and ensure they are carried out for all application types in order of importance	Improved look and feel of applications
Mainstream the safeguarding responsibilities and the joint working to address offenders	Raise awareness of staff of the councils powers to tackle complex issues	Earlier resolution to service requests
Introduce harmonised procedures for Fixed Penalty Fines linked to the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme	Review policy and procedures Develop the process and procedures	More consistent service across both Districts
Develop the Street Associations project	Establish Project group with Police	Supports street and NHW associations to widen their role to address Social isolation, Enviro- crime, Bogus Callers, Good Neighbourhood activity



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
Introduce the new arrangements for the CCTV provision	Establish Project group with Police	Earlier resolution to service requests
Undertake the Domestic homicide Reviews as appropriate	Establish Project group with Police as necessary	More consistent service across agencies to protect individuals
Implement the Community Safety Action Plan following the annual priority update	Establish Project group with Police as necessary	More consistent service across agencies to protect individuals
Continue to support the Police Crime Panel with its scrutiny process	Support the PCP scrutiny process	Budget and other scrutiny of the PCC
Agree and deliver the Prevent Action Plan	<ul> <li>Review Prevent Actions plan</li> <li>Train frontline staff</li> <li>Train community groups</li> </ul>	Safer and healthier local communities

### Section 5 – Key Performance indicators

PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Commu	unity and Leisure	-							
	Customer satisfaction rating at the Chiltern leisure								
CdCL	facilities -			March	62.8				
1 (C)	annual	62.8%	65%	16	%	65%	65%	65%	65%
	Total participation in physical activities delivered								
CdCL	through the				4,88			11,00	12,00
2 (C)	GLL	8,415	6,000	Sep-16	2	9,723	10000	0	0

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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	community engagement plan (by period quarterly)								
CdCL 3 (C)	Total number of users at all leisure centres (cumulative)	915,3 82	875,00 0	Sep-16	709, 794	900,000	925,0 00	950,0 00	950,0 00
SbCL 1a (C)	Customer satisfaction rating at the Beacon Centre.	82.46 %	81%	2015/16	82.4 6%	82%	82%	82%	82%
SbCL 1b (C)	Customer satisfaction rating at the Evreham Centre.	66.69 %	78%	2015/16	66.6 9%	78%	82%	82%	82%
	unity Safety			,			0_/0	0_/0	0_/0
CdC mSf1 (P)	Percentage reduction in burglaries from dwellings year to date for Chiltern (quarterly)	- 19.20 %	Data only	Sep-16	7.2%	Data only	Data only	Data only	Data only
CdC mSf2	Percentage reduction in violent offences against a person, year to	- 53.90	Data		- 25.9	Data	Data	Data	Data
(C)	date	%	only	Sep-16	0%	only	only	only	only



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	(quarterly)								
SbC mSf1 (C)	Percentage reduction in burglaries from dwelling, year to date (quarterly)	- 6.70%	Data only	Sep-16	- 36.6 0%	Data only	Data only	Data only	Data only
SbC mSf2	Percentage reduction in violent offences against a person, year to date	- 33.40	Data only	Son 16	- 36.2	Data	Data	Data	Data
(P)	(quarterly) nmental Health	%	oniy	Sep-16	0%	only	only	only	only
	Percentage of food premises (risk rating A to C) that are broadly compliant								
CdEH 2 (C)	(snapshot quarterly)	96%	91%	Sep-16	96.7 1%	96%	96.5%	97%	97.5%
	Percentage of food premises (risk rating A to C) that are broadly compliant (snapshot quarterly)		5170	<u>- Sch 10</u>				5770	57.570
SbEH 2 (C)		96%	88%	Sep-16	97.2 7%	89%	96.5%	97%	97.5%

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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Housir	ng				-				
	Number of applicants with/expecting children who have been in B & B accommodatio n for longer than 6 weeks (snapshot								
CdHS 1 (P)	figure at end of month)	0	0	Sep-16	0	0	0	0	0
CdHS 2 (C)	Number of affordable homes delivered by (i) new build (ii) vacancies generated by local authority scheme (iii) acquisition of existing properties for social housing (cumulative) Average	22	33	Sep-16	13	33	33	33	33
CdHS 3i (C)	Length of stay in B & B temporary accommodatio n for all households	10	5	Sep-16	7	10	8	6	6

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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual Target 2016/ 17	Future Targets		
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value		2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	(snapshot at								
	end of								
	quarter) Number of								
	private sector								
	dwellings								
	vacant for								
	more than 6								
	months and								
	returned to								
	occupation								
	following local								
CdHS	authority								
4 (C)	intervention	28	40	2015/16	28	40	40	40	40
	Number of								
	households								
	living in								
	temporary accommodatio								
	n (snapshot at								
CdHS	the end of the								
8 (P)	month)	31	21	Sep-16	36	30	30	25	25
0 (1 )	Number of	01		000 20					
	applicants								
	with/expecting								
	children who								
	have been in B								
	& B								
	accommodatio								
	n for longer								
	than 6 weeks								
SbHS	(snapshot								
SDHS 1 (P)	figure at end of month)	15	0	Sep-16	21	0	0	0	0
т (г)		L)	0	Jeh-10		0	U	U	U



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
SbHS	Number of affordable homes delivered by (i) new build (ii) vacancies generated by local authority scheme (iii) acquisition of existing properties for social housing								
2 (C)	(cumulative)	3	22	Sep-16	4	22	22	22	22
SbHS	Average Length of stay in B & B temporary accommodatio n for all households (snapshot at end of	13	Δ	Sep-16	22	10	8	6	6
3i (C)	quarter) Number of	13	4	Sep-16	22	10	8	6	6
Shus	private sector dwellings vacant for more than 6 months and returned to occupation								
SbHS 4 (C)	following local authority	0	15	2015/16	0	15	15	15	15



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	intervention								
	Number of households living in temporary accommodatio n (snapshot at								
SbHS	the end of the								
8 (P)	month)	66	15	Sep-16	64	45	40	35	35
Licensi	,	1		I. I		1	1	1	I
JtLI5	Percentages of licences received and issued/renewe d within statutory or policy deadlines (cumulative quarterly)	98.40 %	97%	Sen-16	99.7 0%	97%	97%	97%	97%
(C)	quarterly)	%	9770	Sep-16	0%	97%	97%	97%	97%
CdSE	cumulative CO2 reduction from local authority operations from base year of 2008/09	22.00			22.0		12.00	12.00	12.00
1 (C)	(annual)	%	1.30%	2015/16	0%	11.70%	%	%	%

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#### **Section 6 – Critical Risks**

	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	<ul> <li>Joint Services address the concerns of either authority</li> <li>Policies are being aligned to meet both authorities' needs</li> <li>Savings to meet the needs of both authorities</li> <li>Resilience and service quality has improved</li> <li>Regular team meetings keep staff up to speed on the joint working</li> <li>Staff are encouraged to engage in the harmonisation of processes, values and behaviours and UGRs</li> </ul>
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>working with staff to adopt new ways of working and support mobile and flexible working</li> </ul>
3	Financial Stability	<ul> <li>Service reviews have delivered identifiable savings</li> <li>New more cost effective ways of working are continually sought</li> </ul>
4	Workforce Issues	<ul> <li>Workforce planning</li> <li>Team building</li> <li>Mentoring and coaching</li> <li>UGRs and values and behaviours will support the change management required to adopt mobile and flexible working</li> </ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	• Partnership working across service areas to address complex service requests
6	Joint/Partnership working	• Partnership working to address impact of legislative change and address complex service request or tackle community safety and safeguarding issues
7	Business Continuity	<ul> <li>Business continuity training and plans being reviewed</li> <li>Services can be delivered from an alternative location</li> </ul>
	Information Management &	• Data transferred to joint uniform system and housing databases and document imaging systems to deliver



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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		<ul> <li>All files scanned and copied to cases</li> <li>IAA appointed</li> <li>Data destruction follows corporate procedures</li> </ul>
9	New Legislative Changes	Service planning to address changing needs
10	Affordable Housing	<ul> <li>Whilst the service review increasing the resources to supporting the delivery of affordable housing and prevention of homelessness, demand has doubled requiring additional resources to be considered</li> <li>Housing Strategy to identify actions required by the Councils to address demands</li> <li>Supporting the return of empty properties</li> <li>Prevention of homelessness and review of data held on Buck Home Choice</li> <li>Acquiring land/assets to deliver affordable housing</li> <li>Reviewing council owned and L+Q/PHG sites to consider options to increase affordable housing</li> </ul>
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	• Feed into HS2, Aviation consultation
12	Demographic Changes	Service planning to address changing needs
13	Property/ Asset Management	• N/A
14	Economic Viability	• N/A

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB Comm01 Failure to safeguard children and vulnerable adults	<ol> <li>Revised joint policy and procedures being developed</li> <li>Training to staff to be reviewed and implemented as result of turnover across both councils</li> </ol>
	3. Safe recruitment practices being undertaken and reviewed
CSB Comm02 Risk of incurring legal action	<ol> <li>Regular inspections to comply with contractual obligations</li> <li>Risk assessments are undertaken for all aspects of services provision to ensure controls are adequate. Actions are taken as required to comply with the above</li> <li>Buildings are checked annually by surveyors. As a result of inspections the rolling capital programme is adjusted to account for works required</li> </ol>
CSB Comm03 Inequalities in	1. Chiltern and South Bucks CSP Prevent Action Plan



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
communities generate ill-will, lack of cohesion, violent extremism or violent protests	<ol> <li>2. Effective engagement with communities</li> <li>3. WRAP training and safeguarding training being undertaken to staff</li> <li>4. Community grants used to promote cohesion</li> <li>5. Monitor community feeling via the Community Safety Team and front line staff</li> <li>6. Engagement with the voluntary and community sector</li> <li>7. Regular liaison with the wider community</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>8. Regular liaison with the facility committees</li> <li>9. Communication and information with relevant parties</li> <li>10. Community Impact Assessment to be maintained</li> </ol>
CSB Comm04 Failure to deliver a replacement for the Chiltern Pools or Evreham Centre leading to increased costs to the Councils	Communication and information with relevant parties Effective Project management within timescales
CSB EH01 Incorrect decisions resulting in legal challenge	Mentor and train staff and monitor case work Manage training through performance appraisal and training plan processes Officers not to give advice and information on areas that they do not have expertise in
CSB HS01a Increased use of B+B - CDC	Increase the focus on prevention of homelessness. Manage the numbers placed in B+B placements to support move to TA Increase the monitoring frequency and discussion over the controls
CSB HS01b Increased use of B+B - SBDC	Increase the focus on prevention of homelessness Manage the numbers placed in B+B placements to support move to TA Increase the monitoring frequency and discussion over the controls
CSB HS03 Incorrect decisions resulting in legal challenge	Mentor and train staff and monitor case work Manage training through performance appraisal and training plan processes Officers not to give advice and information on areas that they do not have expertise in
CSB LI02 Delays in issuing licences	Monitor performance and manage process flow
CSB LI04 Incorrect decisions resulting in legal challenge	Mentor and train staff and monitor case work Manage training through performance appraisal and training plan



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	processes Officers not to give advice and information on areas that they do
	not have expertise in

#### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

#### **Cost information**

#### CDC

Community: 9<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 and below the comparator group average. Costs have reduced by 23.65% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared services

Community Safety: 6<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 and below the comparator group average. Costs have reduced by 11.01% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared services

Environmental Health: 10<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18. Emergency planning – 6<sup>th</sup> lowest of 18. Environmental Health costs have increased by 3.09% when compared with 2014/15.

Housing: Homelessness – 4<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 – Other housing costs – 13<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18. Homelessness – Costs have increased by 182% when compared with 2014/15

Licensing: 6<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18. Costs have reduced by around 96% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared licencing team and improved processes

### SBDC

Community – 6<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 and below the comparator group average. Costs have reduced by 15.75% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared services

Community Safety - 5<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 and below the comparator group average. Costs have reduced by 25.45% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared services

Environmental Health -  $7^{\text{th}}$  lowest per head of population out of 18 and below the comparator group average. Emergency planning –  $4^{\text{th}}$  lowest out of 18. Costs have increased by 36.43% when compared with 2014/15



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Housing – Homelessness – 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18 – Other housing costs –8<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18. Homelessness – Costs have reduced by 80% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared services

Licensing - 7<sup>th</sup> lowest per head of population out of 18. Costs have reduced by 93% when compared with 2014/15 following the introduction of the shared licencing team and improved processes



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### Human Resources

#### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan

Human Resources

#### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Recruitment and retention – getting and keeping good people as an employer of choice	Leader for CDC/ SBDC	
Training and Development - developing skills and productivity to encourage improvement in all areas	Leader for CDC/SBDC	
Developing the organisation and its leadership in the transformation process– to ensure the organisation is dynamic, fit for purpose and cohesive (Performance Management)	Leader for CDC/SBDC	
Equality of Opportunity - compliance with the Equality Act 2010	Leader for CDC/SBDC	
Fair and transparent Pay Policy – harmonisation of total reward package for both authorities and compliance with Localism Act	Leader for CDC/SBDC	
Health and Well-being	Leader for CDC/SBDC	
Ensure effective employee relations	Leader for CDC/SBDC	

#### **Key Service Aims & Objectives**

Developing, implementing and monitoring a joint workforce plan which links to new joint Council vision and aims.

Leading a joint approach to people management

Supporting Service Managers to develop their services through effective and consistent people management.

Promoting positive employer-employee-union relationships with high quality employee relations advice and support.

Developing a learning organisation through supporting Service Managers to provide learning and

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development opportunities for all staff

Promoting a healthy and safe working environment

Ensuring compliance with employment legislation and internal policies

Enabling the Councils to become employers of choice

#### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

Human Resources

- The penultimate shared service review will be completed by the end of the calendar year and planning for the final shared services review is underway.
- 83% of CDC staff and 63% of SBDC staff are on harmonised terms and conditions, totalling 76% across the two Councils. The intention is to move all staff on to harmonised T&Cs by end of calendar year.
- An Organisation Development strategy was developed, and work undertaken with staff to identify organisational values and behaviours.
- An electronic HR database has been introduced across both Councils and subsequent absence management module. The introduction of a cloud–based recruitment system is well underway and will go live in January 2017. Consequently HR processes are being reviewed to improve standardisation and efficiency.

• IiP Bronze has been awarded to both Councils.

#### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Summary – Know your customer (Chiltern)

All internal Staff at SBDC and CDC whether permanent or temporary, members and residents together with the wider public applying for posts at either authority. Joining up of services across both districts will have fundamental changes to the way the service is provided both to internal staff and to external customers applying for jobs at the Councils, with the potential for joint recruitment, benefits and equalities sections on the websites.

Wider stakeholders include other partners in Bucks, Workforce Development Group, Learning Pool, Occupational Health providers, Employee Assistance Programme providers, HealthCare Providers, Computershare Voucher Services, Tensor, Bond international, British Computer Society, Jobsgopublic.com., Local Government Association, South East District Network.



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Unemployment locally remains low with a claimant count of 0.7% in July 2015.

The BAME community accounts for 8.51% of the population in Chiltern (2011 Census).

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Significant increase in BAME community from 6.6% in 2001 Census to 15.7% in 2011 census. 2.2% of population say that no-one in their household has English as their first language. This has wider implications for the delivery of all services at SBDC and therefore a joined up approach to engaging with these communities to establish if they have any additional / specialist needs will be required. Across the Council we have a very low number, if any; requests for language translation, these requests are rarely from BAME groups. Unemployment locally remains low with claimant count of 0.6% in July 2015.

List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents		
Human Resources				
Ensure HR capacity is available to support stainable Development shared services review and Phase 3 programme	Review HR resource against phase 3 programme	Value for money		
Evaluate future skills and behaviours	Identify required skills and behaviours needed to meet organisational development and succession planning strategies Identify existing skills and behaviours Identify gaps	Business continuity		

### Section 4 – Action plan



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List of Key Actions/ Projects	Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions	What will be the key outcomes and benefits seen by residents
	Develop an action plan to enable gaps to be filled Implement action plan Review results Feed back into process.	
Shared Competency and Performance Review Process	Develop shared competency framework Develop shared performance review process Consult with UNISON and staff Training and implementation Implement	Staff and managers proactively accessing performance and learning opportunities leading to higher employee motivation and engagement and hence better customer care and improvement to services
Implement approach to Organisation Development in conjunction with Management Team/Heads of service	Work to phase 3 programme	This will contribute to the delivery of good quality services, ensuring resilience of those services and deliver the required savings
Implement remaining shared service review outcomes	Joint recruitment, joint training, joint induction	Value for money
Improve levels of staff satisfaction and improve engagement with staff	<ul> <li>Produce action plan from outcome of 2015/16 staff survey</li> <li>Continue to consult with UNISON and staff on new changes where applicable</li> </ul>	Improved levels of satisfaction on with delivery of HR service and in turn good quality services to residents
Implement new employment legislation	To be agreed once clear on changes	The Council will be compliant with legislation therefore reducing the risk of related legal action
Development of joint workforce plan	To be agreed	



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Section	Section 5 – Key Performance indicators										
PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/					Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20		
Human	Resources										
CdHR 1 (P)	Working days lost due to sickness absence (cumulative for year)	7.95	11	Septemb er 2016	7.66	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00		
CdHR 2 (C)	Voluntary leavers as a % of workforce (cumulative for year)	18.6%	8%	Septemb er 2016	8.80	16%	16%	16%	16%		
CdHR 14 (P)	Working days lost due to short term sickness absence (upto 20 working days)	New PI	New PI	Septemb er 2016	5.1	5.00	4.50	4.00	4.00		
CdHR 15 (P)	Working days lost due to long term sickness absence (more than 20 working days)	New PI	New PI	Septemb er 2016	2.56	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		
SbHR 1 (P)	Working days lost due to sickness absence (cumulative for year)	15.43	11.00	Septemb er 2016	13.28	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00		
SbHR 2 (C)	Voluntary leavers as a percentage of workforce	10.47 %	8%	Septemb er 2016	15.58	16%	16%	16%	16%		



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/	015/	Updated Value	Annual	Future Targets		
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated		Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	(cumulative for year).								
SbHR 14 (P)	Working days lost due to short term sickness absence (upto 20 working days)	New PI	New PI	Septemb er 2016	3.5	5.00	4.50	4.00	4.00
SbHR 15 (P)	Working days lost due to long term sickness absence (more than 20 working days)	New PI	New PI	Septemb er 2016	9.76	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	<ul> <li>Support implementation of shared services</li> <li>Provide workshops ahead of consultation to let staff know what to expect</li> <li>Offer individual meetings during consultation to answer any private queries.</li> <li>Hold workshops to help staff complete their expression of interest and prepare for interview.</li> <li>Support communication effort</li> </ul>
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>Senior members and managers show commitment to change.</li> <li>Case for changes clearly made and communicated.</li> <li>Build on success, in order to establish confidence to change.</li> <li>Prioritise programme of change, and ensure it is adequately resourced.</li> </ul>



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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
3	Financial Stability	• Continue to develop partnership and collaborative joint working with other Local Authorities HR units to improve value for money.
4	Workforce Issues	<ul> <li>Workforce planning</li> <li>Good staff communications processes</li> <li>Training and development strategies in place, resourced and monitored.</li> <li>Develop and retain, where possible, existing staff with expert knowledge.</li> <li>Act quickly to recruit individuals to fill any vacancies</li> </ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	N/A
6	Joint/Partnership working	• Highlight the importance of partnership working by including in JDs for example.
7	Business Continuity	Review regularly and update services Business Continuity plan
8	Information Management & Security	<ul><li>Staff aware of data protection responsibility</li><li>Update staff training records.</li></ul>
9	New Legislative Changes	• Keep up to date with employment law changes and work appropriately for their implementation
10	Affordable Housing	• N/A
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	• N/A
12	Demographic Changes	• N/A
13	Property/ Asset Management	• N/A
14	Economic Viability	Support local apprenticeship initiatives.

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB HR01 Failure to provide	1. Procured advice from Croners and South East Employers.
trusted, robust, accurate HR	Second opinion is available from SEE. Keep up to date with current
advice	legislation via Croners, CIPD, ACAS;



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
	2. Ensure the right policies and procedures are in place and are
	communicated to staff and managers;
	3. Ensure people managers are properly trained / coached to
	handle staff matters;
	4. Simple guidelines for the handling of confidential sensitive
	issues/documents within the unit to be documented and used to remind staff;
	5. Robust people management policies and procedures in place
	with training for managers; Robust monitoring and checking
	process put into place to identify staff requiring vetting and
	barring checks and in keeping these up to date.
	1. Monitor staff turnover rates and encourage an increase in cross training to provide staff cover;
	2. Monitor pay and benefit rates and keep pay policy under
	review;
	3. Ensure robust selection processes and techniques are in place;
CSB HR02 Failure to recruit and	4. Report to Management Team/Personnel Committee on
retain right people in right	recruitment and retention of staff;
posts	<ol><li>Efficient recruitment procedure with appropriate benefits to attract the right staff;</li></ol>
	6. Ensure all systems are accessible and promote sharing of
	information and skills required to carry out tasks to provide back-
	up for key personnel; Develop people planning needs with
	Management team to analyse 'key' staff.
	1. Comprehensive harmonised competency based Performance
	Review Framework to be developed place to replace existing
	provision;
	2. Encourage two-way communication with staff e.g. meetings,
CSB HR03 Failure to develop	appraisals, UNISON, Grievance Procedure;
staff to maximise their	3. Encourage the monitoring of performance and provision of
effectiveness (including	feedback, including through the appraisals process;
management and leadership	4. Manage underperformers when needed, through the
skills).	disciplinary procedure;
	5. Introduce more focused and objective competency based
	assessment;
	6. Ensure both Councils continue to retain IIP recognition; Establish talent management programme.
	1. Fair and reasonable policies and benefits in place which are
CSB HR04 Inappropriate breach	consistently applied;
of policies and practices	2. Monitor senior managers' performance in maintaining sickness
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	records and managing absence/flexi time abuse; 3. Implement robust Management Control techniques and monitoring procedures to identify any abuse of benefits; Take action on any abuse of benefits through the disciplinary procedure;	
CSB HR05 Failure to support managers and staff in implementing and operating the new harmonised joint Terms and Conditions for shared services (including job evaluation and pay strategy)	<ol> <li>Robust and frequent communications in place to explain the 'why', 'what' and 'how' to staff moving onto new Terms and Conditions.</li> <li>Monitor process and identify impacts of any delays, including costs, resources and income;</li> <li>Should risk become more likely to occur, plan contingency actions to minimise impact;</li> <li>Ensure all staff are fully informed about the changes;</li> <li>Where possible, promote balance across both workforces in relation to gains and losses to demonstrate fairness.</li> </ol>	

## Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

#### **Cost information**

Costs have reduced by around 5% when compared with 2014/15.



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## Sustainable Development

### Service Plan April 2017 to March 2018

Service units covered by plan	Building Control
	Development Management (including Enforcement,
	Conservation and Arboricultural services)
	Planning Policy

### Section 1 – Key Service Functions & Aims/Objectives

Key Service Functions	Portfolio reporting to	Statutory/ Mandatory
Preparation and maintenance of an up to date joint Local Plan, including complying with the Duty to Co-operate. Supporting the preparation of neighbourhood plans	Sustainable Development	
Monitoring of a range of matters including the implementation of key planning polices, and the Councils' performance in relation to key performance indicators	Sustainable Development	
Influencing the policies of neighbouring and other Local Planning Authorities (including through Duty to Co-operate), the Government's planning policies, and a range of other bodies whose policies or strategic proposals may affect the Districts	Sustainable Development	
Working and collaborating with a range of partners, including the LEP and other agencies on joint issues, particularly issues relating to strategic infrastructure	Sustainable Development	
Preparation, research and development of other planning related information and evidence to support the Councils' planning decisions	Sustainable Development	
Processing and determination of planning and associated applications	Sustainable Development	$\square$
Preparing and presenting evidence to support the Councils' planning decisions through the statutory appeal process	Sustainable Development	
Enforcement of planning control including the monitoring of planning permissions	Sustainable Development	



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Providing planning information and advice to customers	Sustainable Development	
Making, reviewing and revoking Tree Preservation Orders	Sustainable Development	
Designation of Conservation Areas, the preparation of Conservation Area Character Appraisals. Promoting the listing of new buildings of significant historic and architectural importance	Sustainable Development	
Enforcement of the Building Regulations 2010, including the processing and determination of applications submitted under the Building Regulations, the carrying out of site inspections and the provision of Building Control advice to customers	Sustainable Development	$\boxtimes$
Enforcement of the Building Act 1984, including dealing with and undertaking site inspections relating to dangerous structures and demolitions	Sustainable Development	$\boxtimes$
Provide awareness and advice for access for the disabled	Sustainable Development	$\square$
Provision of responses to enable searches to be completed	Sustainable Development	$\square$

#### **Building Control**

Key Service Aims & Objectives

To ensure that building projects are designed and built in accordance with Building Regulations, health and safety standards and other relevant legislation thus safeguarding the public health and safety of people in and around buildings

To provide a cost effective building control service that provides good value for money for both Authorities and the customer

To maintain or enhance customer satisfaction whilst delivering a quality service which is resilient

#### **Development Management**

**Key Service Aims & Objectives** 

To take planning decisions to deliver the Councils' strategic objectives in accordance with the Local Plan unless to do so would be outweighed by the benefits of other material considerations or the NPPF

To successfully defend the Councils' decisions at appeal

To resolve alleged breaches of planning control in accordance with the Councils' Enforcement policy as efficiently as possible, taking formal action in those cases where it is expedient to do so and where it has not been possible to regularise the position by other means

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#### **Planning Policy**

**Key Service Aims & Objectives** 

Develop a new joint Local Plan in line with the National Planning Policy Framework, setting out clear strategic priorities for the area and the policies that address these, concentrating on the critical issues facing the area – including its development needs – and the strategy and opportunities for addressing them (including deliverability and viability)

Support the Neighbourhood Planning process by providing advice or assistance to the entity which is producing the neighbourhood plan and by taking decisions at key stages in the neighbourhood planning process

#### Section 2 - Key achievements/outcomes for 2016/17

#### Key achievements and outcomes during 2016/17

Building Control

Continued to maintain high levels of performance in checking building control applications, notwithstanding the reduced staffing levels in terms of building control surveyors

Continued to maintain high level of customer satisfaction

Designed and implemented a Builders Partnership Scheme

Actively worked to introduce mobile and agile working, through operating a pilot scheme

Significant move to paperless office – since January 2016 all building notices/regularisation applications/partners applications have been processed in a digitised format (no hard copies)

Increased the number of partners

**Planning Policy** 

Joint Local Plan for Chiltern and South Bucks – preparation of evidence base; duty to co-operate discussions; and publication of preferred options consultation undertaken in October – December 2016

Worked collaboratively with other organisations delivering infrastructure whilst minimising the adverse impacts of such proposals (E.g. Western rail access to Heathrow, Wilton Park diversion)

Supported neighbourhood planning through the making (adoption) of Chalfont St Peter Neighbourhood Plan and the designation of a number of other neighbourhood areas (Gerrards Cross, Iver, Farnham Royal, Taplow, Seer Green)

**Development Management** 

Business case prepared examining the case for a shared planning service for Chiltern and South Bucks, bringing about a range of benefits and improvements

Maintained top-quality performance as one of the best authorities in the country in terms of dealing with major, minor and other applications within the statutory period/timescales agreed with the





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Maintained high levels of customer satisfaction

Achieved a high success rate in successfully defending the Council's decisions on appeal (South Bucks)

A significant improvement in the approach to, and performance of Enforcement at South Bucks following the appointment of a new Manager in October 2016

#### Section 3 - Know your customer

#### Who are the main customers for the service?

There are a wide range of customers, both direct customers who use the service itself, and indirect customers who are affected by its outcomes.

Planning/Enforcement/Planning Policy – direct customers – applicants, agents, Planning Committee, other Members, Town & Parish Councils, a wide range of other consultees, occupants/owners of nearby and neighbouring properties, objectors, those who support proposals, those who make allegations about unauthorised development, contraveners, the Planning Inspectorate, adjacent local planning authorities, duty to co-operate organisations.

Planning/Enforcement/Planning Policy – indirect customers – residents, businesses, those who use the Districts in some other way (e.g. leisure purposes, or in their daily commute). Another more specific example of an indirect user would be someone in need of affordable housing. Formal consultation has been and will be undertaken on the joint Local Plan.

Building Control – direct customers – applicants, agents, property owners, builders, Members, Thames Water, Land Charges team, solicitors, Planning, Housing team, those with disabilities.

Building Control – indirect customers – owners and occupiers of neighbouring properties, the general public, and other statutory agencies such as Fire Authority. We will continue to survey our customers as well as issuing newsletters and holding seminars on relevant subjects according to demand.

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#### Section 4 – Action plan List of Key Actions/ What will be the key outcomes Key Milestones/ Underlying Actions and benefits seen by residents Projects **Building Control** Increased number of Ongoing Wider range of partners partners Reduced costs from mobile Mobile and agile working Go live early in 2017/18 working Reduced accommodation thus Paperless office April 2017 reduced office costs **Planning Policy** Publication stage of draft joint Local Joint Local Plan The draft plan with policies which addresses all issues Plan (Regulation 19) Joint Local Plan The submission local plan which Submission of the draft joint Local addresses all issues Plan (regulation 22) Support those Not known – dependent upon Neighbourhood plans consistent town/parish councils town/parish councils timescales with the development plan seeking neighbourhood area designation/producing neighbourhood plans **Development Management** Phase I staff restructure Shared Planning Service Phase 2 staff restructure Shared planning service Joint Local Plan Input into the local plan process A sound local plan which addresses all relevant issues







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### **Section 5 – Key Performance indicators**

PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
Unit									
CdPP 1 (C)	Net additional homes provided (Annual)		133	2014/15	189	145	145	145	145
CdSD 7 (C)	Percentage of planning applicants who are satisfied or very satisfied with the planning service (cumulative, quarterly)	77%	80%	June 2016	87.5 %	80%	80%	80%	80%
CdSD 8 (C)	Planning appeals allowed (cumulative)	39.76 %	35%	June 2016	53.33 %	35%	35%	35%	35%
CdSD 10 (P)	Processing of planning applications: minor applications processed within 8 weeks (cumulative)	81.92 %	70.00%	July 2016	82.29 %	75.00%	80 .00%	80 .00%	80 .00%
CdSD 11 (P)	Processing of planning applications: other applications processed within 8 weeks (cumulative)	92.15 %	90.00%	July 2016	92.47 %	90.00%	90.00 %	90.00 %	90.00 %
CdSD 12 (C)	% of new enforcement	100%	30%	June 2016	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	cases where an initial site visit for an urgent priority case is undertaken within the timescale set out in the Enforcement Policy (Cumulative, monthly)								
CdSD 31 (P)	Special measures: speed of processing of major applications - minimum percentage of decisions on major applications which are made within 13 weeks or timescale agreed with the applicant; for assessment in October/Novem ber 2018 (cumulative)	Annua l Indicat or	51.00%	July 2016	100.0 0%	51.00%	51.00 %	51.00 %	51.00 %
CdSD 32 (C)	% of new enforcement cases where an initial site visit for a high	100%	30%	June 2016	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	priority case is undertaken within the timescale set out in the Enforcement Policy (Cumulative, monthly)								
JtBC1 (C)	Applications checked within 10 working days (cumulative)	92.7%	85%	July 2016	98.3 %	92%	92%	92%	92%
JtBC4 (C)	Customer satisfaction with the building control service. (cumulative)	92.7%	94%	July 2016	100%	92%	92%	92%	92%
SbPP 1 (C)	Net additional homes provided		199	2014/15	139	203	253	253	253
SbSD 7 (C)	Percentage of planning applicants who are satisfied or very satisfied with the planning service	90.3%	80%	July 2016	91.4 %	80%	80%	80%	80%
SbSD 8 (C)	Planning appeals allowed.	24.2%	30.0%	July 2016	23.7 %	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
SbSD 10 (C)	Processing of planning applications: minor applications (cumulative)	98.22 %	92.00%	July 2016	94.64 %	90.00%	90.00 %	90.00 %	90.00 %
SbSD	Processing of	97.88	95.00%	July 2016	96.25	90.00%	90.00	90.00	90.00

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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
11 (C)	planning applications: other applications (cumulative)	%			%		%	%	%
replac ed by new PI in 2017/ 18 – see line below									
New in 2017/ 18	Percentage of new enforcement allegations where an initial site visit for a low priority case is undertaken within 20 days (the timescales set out in the Enforcement Policy and Procedure) (quarterly snapshot)						85.00 %	85.00 %	85.00 %
SbSD 31 (P)	Special measures: speed of processing of major applications -	Annua I Indicat or	51.00%	July 2016	100.0 0%	51.00%	51.00 %	51.00 %	51.00 %



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PI	Short Name	2015/	2015/			Annual	Fu	ture Targ	ets
Code		16 Value	16 Target	Updated	Value	Target 2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20
	minimum percentage of decisions on major applications which are made within 13 weeks or timescale agreed with the applicant; for assessment in October/Novem ber 2018 (cumulative)								
SbSD 33 (C)	Percentage of new enforcement cases where an initial site visit for a high- priority case is undertaken within the timescale (3 working days) set out in the enforcement and monitoring policy (Cumulative, monthly)	100%	30%	June 2016	99%	98%	100 %	100 %	100%



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#### Section 6 – Critical Risks

Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
1	Joint Working	<ul> <li>Programme Initiation Document</li> <li>Member Working Group for the Review</li> <li>Active involvement of all staff in the service review</li> <li>Use external specialist support</li> <li>Meeting between Head of Service and relevant Managers</li> </ul>
2	Transformation and Management of Change	<ul> <li>Programme Initiation Document</li> <li>Member Working Group for the Review</li> <li>Active involvement of all staff in the service review</li> <li>Use external specialist support</li> <li>Meeting between Head of Service and relevant Managers</li> </ul>
3	Financial Stability	<ul> <li>Active monitoring of Building Control and Development Management income, and appeals expenditure budgets</li> <li>Income generation considered as part of normal budget preparation process and as part of planning shared service review</li> </ul>
4	Workforce Issues	<ul> <li>Workforce planning via service reviews</li> <li>Training &amp; development plans via staff appraisals</li> <li>Provide staff with an interesting and stimulating team environment; provide the necessary support to enable staff to be able to undertake their jobs successfully</li> </ul>
5	Waste & Environmental Services	• N/A
6	Joint/Partnership working	<ul> <li>The Bucks Local Planning Authorities have been working closely together under the 'Duty to Co- operate' in relation to the preparation of their local plans. Partnership working with a number of other bodies in relation to strategic infrastructure projects (e.g. Heathrow, HS2, Western rail access to Heathrow, relief roads at Beaconsfield and Iver etc)</li> </ul>
7	Business Continuity	Business Continuity Plans will need updating     following service review outcomes
8	Information Management & Security	All staff required to comply with the Council's corporate policies
9	New Legislative Changes	Maintain a watching brief through the technical



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Ref	Strategic risk title	Relevance / service actions to mitigate
		planning press for new/revised legislation
10	Affordable Housing	<ul> <li>Implementation of affordable housing policies via the Development Management process</li> <li>Inclusion of relevant policies in the joint local plan, supported by a robust evidence base</li> <li>Respond to Government on any Government consultations which would adversely affect the provision of affordable housing</li> </ul>
11	Major Infrastructure Projects Impacts.	<ul> <li>The establishment of a dedicated HS2 team to deal with schedule 17 applications. Active engagement with promoters of other major infrastructure projects (e.g. WRAtH, Heathrow) in order to influence their emerging proposals</li> <li>One post with a focus on infrastructure</li> </ul>
12	Demographic Changes	Plan making process to take account of major changes to demography
13	Property/ Asset Management	• A planning input into the review of the councils assets; the provision of pre-application advice; dealing with the Councils' own applications
14	Economic Viability	<ul> <li>Local Plan includes an assessment of objectively assessed needs for employment and will seek to provide for employment needs</li> </ul>

Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB BC01 Loss of staff	Reduce loss of staff by providing staff with an interesting and stimulating team environment; provide the necessary support to enable staff to be able to undertake their jobs. If vacancies arise seek to secure permanent replacements through early advertisement, but use agency staff in the interim period if needed.
CSB BC02 Increased income/reduced costs are not delivered	Likelihood and rating increased due to high income budget target set for 2017/18. Income and expenditure monitored monthly. Applications not registered without the necessary fee. Fee checked by Admin staff, liaising with Management if needed. Invoices to be sent out promptly and non-payment chased. Charges to be reviewed periodically.
CSB BC03 Development does	Staff training; new Regulations/guidance provided to all Surveyors;



Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
not meet the Building Regulations	recommendations authorised by a more senior Surveyor; enhanced resilience of a single team with greater knowledge/experience; use of codes and reference documents; if unsure, Surveyors to check with a more senior surveyor; structural calculations to be checked by Structural Engineer; Indemnity insurance in place.
CSB BC04 Poor/untimely advice in dealing with dangerous structures	Surveyors all trained to deal with dangerous structures; JDs for all Surveyors require them to deal with dangerous structures; Principals required to be able to undertake inspections within an hour during unsocial hours; Surveyor to contact a more senior Surveyor or seek additional help and support if needed.
CSB BC05 Increased competition/loss of reputation	QA accreditation retained, with annual external audit. Marketing Plan. Officer with responsibility for the 'customer experience'. Customer surveys monitored, and action taken to implement improvements. Staff not allowed to undertake any private work which could have the potential to bring the Councils into disrepute or perceived to do so.
CSB DCE01a Loss of staff - CDC	Currently a high rating due to the stage which has been reached in the shared planning service review – being addressed as part of the review. Reduce loss of staff by providing staff with an interesting and stimulating team environment; provide the necessary support to enable staff to be able to undertake their jobs. If vacancies arise seek to secure permanent replacements through early advertisement, but use agency or other temporary external staff in the interim period if needed.
CSB DCE01b Loss of/insufficient staff - SBDC	Currently a high rating due to the stage which has been reached in the shared planning service review – being addressed as part of the review. Reduce loss of staff by providing staff with an interesting and stimulating team environment; provide the necessary support to enable staff to be able to undertake their jobs. If vacancies arise seek to secure permanent replacements through early advertisement, but use agency or other temporary external staff in the interim period if needed.
CSB DCE02a Poor decision making - CDC	Staff training; training of Planning Committee; template for officers' reports; procedures require checks in signing off decisions and recommendations. A more risk based approach (with reduced sign off and fewer checks overall) to be taken in the proposed planning shared service.



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CSB DCE02b Poor decision making - SBDC	Staff training; training of Planning Committee; template for officers' reports; procedures require checks in signing off decisions and recommendations. A more risk based approach (with reduced sign off and fewer checks overall) to be taken in the proposed planning shared service.
CSB DCE03a Low levels of customer satisfaction - CDC	The level of customer satisfaction at Chiltern has increased as is shown by PI performance. Ensure that the service continuously explores how it could be more customer focused; monitoring of customer survey and complaints feedback; in response to all complaints consider whether improvements are needed; processing of complaints regarding unauthorised development in accordance with Enforcement policy.
CSB DCE03b Low levels of customer satisfaction -SBDC	Ensure that the service continually explores how it could be more customer focussed; monitoring of customer survey and complaints feedback; in response to all complaints consider whether improvements are needed; actively seek customer views ; speedier processing of allegations of unauthorised development in accordance with Enforcement policy
CSB DCE04a Reduced application and pre-application fee income -CDC	Realistic budget setting. Ensure that we maintain good performance in processing major applications, and in our appeal performance regarding major applications (over a two year period) thus ensuring that all major applications have to be submitted to CDC rather than applicants having the choice of submitting to CDC or PINS.
CSB DCE04b Reduced application and pre-application fee income - SBDC	Realistic budget setting. Ensure we maintain good performance in processing major applications and in our appeal performance regarding major applications (over a 2 year period) thus ensuring that all applications have to be submitted to SBDC rather than applicants having the choice of submitting to SBDC or PINS.
CSB DCE05a Judicial Review of decisions - CDC	Seek legal advice as appropriate; ensure all decisions are robust and justified; seriously consider appellants evidence/offers in relation to appeals/enforcement appeals.
CSB DCE05b Judicial Review of decisions - SBDC	Seek legal advice as appropriate; ensure all decisions are robust and justified; seriously consider appellants evidence/offers in relation to appeals/enforcement appeals.
CSB DCE06b Low customer satisfaction in relation to enforcement – SBDC	Team now being led by a new Manager who is very proactive and is changing the team ethos significantly.
CSB PP01a Insufficient planning staff (number and experience) –	Reduce loss of staff by providing staff with an interesting and stimulating team environment; provide the necessary support to



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Operational risk code and title	Relevance / Mitigation
CDC & SBDC	enable staff to be able to undertake their jobs. If vacancies arise seek to secure permanent replacements through early
	advertisement, but use agency or other temporary external staff in the interim period if needed.
CSB PP02a Local Plan not being found sound – CDC & SBDC	Continual engagement with Duty to Co-operate bodies and key stakeholders (& recorded); ensure that polices are fully supported by the evidence base and are steered by the Sustainability Appraisal; ensure LDS is up to date; seek legal advice where needed; regular liaison between Planning Policy Manager/HOSD and the 2 Cabinet Members; reports, via Management Team to Joint Member Reference Group; prepare robust evidential proofs; ensure staff are trained to give evidence.
CSB PP03a Timetable for adoption not met – CDC & SBDC	LDS timetable being reviewed – report to JMRG on 16 November 2016. Regular reports to JMRG on progress being made.

### Section 7 – Costs and cost comparison information

## Cost information

#### CDC

Building control costs are 6<sup>th</sup> highest in the comparator group of 18. Building control costs have reduced by 26.17% when compared with 2014/15. Since the Council has a relatively small population, these costs tend to be on the higher side per head of population, reflecting the fixed cost element of providing the service. There have been staff savings arising from the joint service.

Development management costs are 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the comparator group of 18. Development management costs have reduced by 14.53% when compared with 2014/15

Planning policy costs are 7<sup>th</sup> highest in the comparator group of 18. Planning policy costs have increased by around 10% when compared with 2014/15

Development Management & Planning Policy: since the Council has a relatively small population, these costs tend to be on the higher side per head of population, reflecting the high fixed cost element of providing the service, the high numbers of applications per head of population, the high priority that Members place on protecting the Green Belt and the cost of protecting the overall character of the District. Additionally, Planning Policy costs vary each year depending on what Local Plan documents are



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being prepared (some require a more extensive and specialist evidence base than others), and the stage they are at.

#### SBDC

Building control costs are the lowest in the comparator group of 18. Building control costs have reduced by 125.20% when compared with 2014/15

Development management costs are 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the comparator group of 18. Development management costs have reduced by 35.74% when compared with 2014/15

Planning policy costs are 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the comparator group of 18. Planning policy costs have increased by around 113% when compared with 2014/15

Development Management & Planning Policy: since the Council has a relatively small population, these costs tend to be on the higher side per head of population, reflecting the high fixed cost element of providing the service, the high numbers of applications per head of population, the high priority that Members place on protecting the Green Belt and the cost of protecting the overall character of the District. Additionally, Planning Policy costs vary each year depending on what Local Plan documents are being prepared (some require a more extensive and specialist evidence base than others), and the stage they are at.

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