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| SUBJECT: | Refreshed Joint Business Plan 2016 - 2020 |
| REPORT OF: | Leader of the Council – Councillor Isobel Darby Leader of the Council – Councillor Ralph Bagge |
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1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the refreshed Joint Business Plan 2016 – 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That the refreshed business plan be submitted to Council for approval.

2. Executive Summary

This report seeks approval for the following document attached as Appendix A: Refreshed Joint Business Plan 2016/20

3. Reasons for Recommendations

The Joint Business Plan Aims, Priorities and Objectives replaced the former Chiltern Aims and Objectives document and South Bucks Corporate Plan during 2014/15. The Joint Business Plan is reviewed every year to reflect the changing needs of the locality and the communities that live and work within Chiltern and South Bucks and the service planning process.

4. Content of Report

- 4.1 The Joint Business Plan links to the Sustainable Community Strategy (currently being reviewed), which sets out the vision for the District to 2026 and is based on extensive consultation with residents, local community groups and partner organisations. Those aspects of the Sustainable Community Strategy that are the responsibility of the District Councils are included in the Joint Business Plan.
- 4.2 The refresh normally takes place in April each year, however last year's refresh was undertaken in October 2015 due to the elections and the need for the recently elected Councils' priorities to be reflected.
- 4.3 The aims and objectives remain the same this year. The aims and objectives can be viewed on pages six and seven of the refreshed Joint Business Plan.
- 4.4 The actions being delivered to support each aim and objective appear on the left hand side columns in sections five and six of the Joint Business Plan, contained in Appendix A. These link to improvement actions contained within the individual service plans, which in turn link to staff objectives and training plans set out for each

member of staff in their annual performance appraisal. They have been updated to reflect 2016/17 Service Plans.

4.5 Section 7 (How our organisation is changing – referring to Stronger in Partnership) and appendix B (Strategic Risks) of the Joint Business Plan have been updated and the remainder of the document sense checked to bring it up to date.

4.6 The proposed refreshed Joint Business Plan 2016 -2020 is attached as Appendix A.

5. Consultation

The refreshed Joint Business Plan has been circulated to the Leaders and their respective Cabinets for comment.

6. Options

Failure to refresh the plan annually will soon render it out of date and out of touch with residents’ priorities.

7. Corporate Implications

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

7.2 Legal – No legal implications have been identified

7.3 Risks issues – The Joint Business Plan includes strategic risks. Business planning helps to alleviate risk through ensuring each service unit is aware of how their work fits into the work of the Council and is closely linked to the needs of the community. Equalities – An Integrated Impact Assessment, including Equalities, was conducted on the joint Business Plan and showed no adverse impacts.

7.4 Others - None

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The Joint Business Plan sets the aims and priorities of the Council for the next five years.

9. Next Step

The Joint Business Plan will be updated again next spring to reflect the new service plans for 2017/18 and their actions supporting the aims and objectives.

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| <p>Background Papers:</p> | <p>Not applicable.</p> |
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