

# Report to Cabinet

Date: 01 March 2022

Title: Corporate Plan Refresh 2022

Relevant councillor(s): Martin Tett- Leader

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Ward(s) affected: None specific

Recommendations: To agree the refreshed Corporate Plan for submission to

Council.

To delegate to the Leader responsibility for making any further amends to the draft in the light of feedback from Select Committee Chairmen, prior to submission to

council

Reason for decision: To ensure an updated version of the Corporate Plan is

approved for publication.

#### 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 Buckinghamshire Council's Corporate Plan sets out what the Council wants to achieve and how we will do it, addressing the challenges we face and harnessing opportunities as they present themselves.
- 1.2 A light-touch review of the Corporate Plan has been undertaken to reflect key developments since the drafting of the plan in 2019/20, in particular the impact of the pandemic.

#### 2. Content of report

- 2.1 The current plan was approved in February 2020.
- 2.2 A light-touch review of the Corporate Plan has been undertaken to reflect key events and changes in priorities since the drafting of the plan in 2019/20.

- 2.3 The revised plan reflects the impact of the pandemic on the Council's priorities, together with other key developments such as new national legislation.
- 2.4 A draft of the refreshed corporate plan is attached in Appendix 1.
- 2.5 It is proposed that the refreshed corporate plan 2020-25 progresses for approval to full Council.
- 2.6 Following approval, the refreshed corporate plan would be published on our website.
- 2.7 The plan is intended to cover the period until 2025, in accordance with the current Council term, and will continue to be subject to an annual refresh.

### 3. Other options considered

3.1 Do nothing - if the corporate plan was not refreshed it may be deemed out of date.

## 4. Legal and financial implications

4.1 Identified priorities have been checked to ensure they are currently funded and included within the MTFP. There are no additional financial implications known at this stage.

## 5. Corporate implications

5.1 The Corporate Plan is a council's main strategic business planning document, establishing a golden thread between the Council's priorities, as set out by elected Members, and the activities which will be undertaken to deliver the organisation's agreed outcomes. As a public document, the Corporate Plan also helps communicate to staff, partners and residents, a clear concise narrative of strategic intent.

#### 6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

6.1 It is proposed the refreshed corporate plan will be shared with scrutiny committee chairs to seek their feedback on the draft before it is presented to Full Council.

#### 7. Communication, engagement & further consultation

- 7.1 Not applicable at this stage.
- 7.2 Relevant communications will be taken forward as the strategies outlined within the plan are developed and implemented. Each of these will be subject to the appropriate consultation and engagement.

#### 8. Next steps and review

8.1 It is proposed that the revised plan is presented to Council on 27 April 2022.

# 9. Background papers

9.1 Current Corporate Plan <a href="https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/corporate-plans-and-priorities/corporate-plan/">https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/your-council/corporate-plans-and-priorities/corporate-plan/</a>

# 10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please contact the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone on 01296 382343 or email <a href="mailto:gail.hudson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk">gail.hudson@buckinghamshire.gov.uk</a>