

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Draft Council Plan 2019/20

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 5 February 2019**

**Report of:** Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Member for Policy, Finance & Devolution

**Key Decision:** Y

Forward Plan ☒ Y General Exception ☐ N Special Urgency ☐ N (Mark with a Y if applicable)

#### **Summary:**

The Council Plan accompanies the budget and sets a high-level framework for decision making throughout the financial year. It is a public-facing summary document that sits above annual (detailed) Portfolio Agreements.

The 2019/20 Council Plan reflects on performance to date and policy priorities for the future. It continues to be aligned with the longer-term vision and five shared outcomes set out in the Borough Plan. It also incorporates the key principles identified by Cabinet, underpinned by an inclusive vision for growth and reform. The Greater Manchester Strategy priorities continue to be integrated into the Plan. The strategic narrative for the Plan builds upon these but also incorporates the medium term strategy and its five key themes which were introduced by Cabinet during 2018. These are central to the plan and its organisational delivery.

The Plan is accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment. This is largely a summary of the high-level position, with more detailed EIAs included with working papers previously considered by Cabinet and Scrutiny.

The draft Plan was considered by CRMG Scrutiny on 22 January and subject to Cabinet approval will be submitted for formal adoption at the Budget Council Meeting on 21 Feb.

The information within the high-level Council Plan provides the basis for detailed Portfolio Agreements and resource planning for 2019/20, with progress on delivery being reported in-year through the Portfolio and Corporate reports.

#### **Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:**

The last 12 months have seen us take some major steps towards delivering our ambitions for Stockport. Our new Council Plan sets out our priorities for the year ahead, framed by the five high-level shared outcomes from our Borough Plan. It reflects the five cross-cutting themes shaping our Medium Term Strategy, an increased focus delivering what matters within localities and working with other public services across Greater Manchester.

Throughout 2019 we will be focusing on refreshing our priorities with Partners, developing a Borough Plan and subsequent Council Plan, that builds on the progress and renewed aspirations that we collectively have for our Borough. We are reshaping the way we work with our citizens and how we deliver services that are effective and sustainable, and our new Plans will reflect these changes. As our priorities evolve, we remain ambitious for Stockport with exciting developments taking shape that will deliver real benefits for all our residents and businesses. We look forward to reporting our progress on this over the next 12 months.

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**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet is asked to approve the 2019/20 Council Plan for submission to the Budget Council Meeting.

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in):  
Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication):  
Contact persons for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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**‘Urgent Business’:**      ☒ / **No** (*Please circle*)

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