

REPORT TO: CORPORATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 26th JANUARY 2021

REPORT OF: COUNCIL LEADER; DEPUTY LEADER

REPORT TITLE: DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021/22

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The plan is developed by Cabinet, supported by officers, and is an opportunity to reflect on performance to date and policy priorities for the future. Priorities in the plan are included by exception. The plan doesn't attempt to describe everything the Council does; only those things that are of crucial importance in a specific year.
- 1.3 The 2021/22 Council Plan keeps the existing framework of our 5 Year Borough Plan – setting out our priorities in relation to the 4 shared outcomes:
- Stockport people are able to make positive choices and be independent and those who need support to get it.
 - Stockport benefits from a thriving economy
 - Stockport is a place people want to live
 - Stockport communities are safe, resilient and inclusive
- 1.4 The plan also describes how we'll work, as a modern, person centred and ambitious organisation, to deliver our priorities through four unifying themes:
- We are a council that is **built around our communities**
 - We are a council that uses **digital to the maximum**
 - We are a council that **values partnerships and collaboration**
 - We are a council that **cares about our staff and engages them in the future**
- 1.5 This year's plan has been developed amidst the Covid-19 pandemic and our ongoing response and recovery activity is prominent across our priorities. However, our plan for the next 12 months is not only focussed on continuing to face the challenges of Covid-19, as well as the significant financial challenges ahead, it is about taking the positives that have been prominent in our response – particularly the joint work and collaboration – and building a hopeful and ambitious future for Stockport.
- 1.6 Alongside developing our organisational plan, we've been working with partners across Stockport to develop a new Borough Plan which will set out a shared long-term vision and priorities for Stockport. The insight that we've captured from conversations across 2020 with communities, businesses, public sector partners and elected members will shape our longer-term shared plan and is reflected in this Council Plan for 2021/22.

1.7 The plan is accompanied by a high-level Equality Impact Assessment.

2. Next Steps

2.1 Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, the draft Plan will be submitted to Cabinet on 9th February and for formal adoption at the Budget Council Meeting on 25th February.

2.2 The information within the high-level Council Plan provides the basis for detailed Portfolio Agreements and resource planning for 2021/22, with progress on delivery being reported in-year through the Portfolio and Corporate reports and accompanying online dashboards. The 2021/22 Portfolio Agreements (PPRAs) will be developed with existing Portfolio Holders in Spring 2021, being finalised by the new Cabinet and presented to Scrutiny Committees for consideration following the Local Elections.

3. Recommendations

Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider and comment on the draft 2021/22 Council Plan and Equality Impact Assessment; and
- b) Note the key issues and processes outlined above.

Further Information;

- Council Plan 2020/21 available at; <http://www.stockport.gov.uk/councilplan>

Contact officer for accessing background papers and discussing the report;

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