

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Draft Council Plan 2021/22

Report to Cabinet

Date: 9 February 2021

Report of: Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning and Governance

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 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.

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

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 maximises the opportunities of digital
- We are a council that values partnerships and collaboration
- We are a council that cares about our staff and engages them in the future

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:

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.

Alongside developing our organisational plan, we've been working with partners across Stockport to develop a new Borough Plan (also presented for consideration) 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.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet is asked to approve the 2021/22 Council Plan for submission to the Budget Council Meeting.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in):

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

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*)
