

**DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2024-27****Report of the Director of Strategy****1. Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 The Stockport Council Plan 2024-2027 is our main strategic document for the council. It describes the key role the council plays in supporting the borough, through the provision and delivery of services that are essential to everyday life. The Plan also outlines our four big ambitions for the upcoming years, that will create opportunities for everyone within the borough.
- 1.2 The Council Plan accompanies the budget. It is a public-facing summary document that sits above annual Portfolio Agreements and complements the One Stockport Borough Plan. It is aligned with our medium-term financial plan and incorporates our key transformation activity.
- 1.3 The Plan explains that we have big ambitions for our Borough and our people, but we want to challenge ourselves to reach further to achieve our ambition of being the very best we can be. We know we are on the right track and our ambitions and priorities remain the right ones. This Council Plan, therefore, builds on our existing ambitions and steps up the pace of change and delivery.
- 1.4 The Plan is intentionally longer term and places transformation at the heart of our ambitions. Providing efficient and effective services continues to be at the very core of our Plan; and the Plan builds on the four 'Big Ambitions' and two cross cutting themes set out in the Council Plan 2023/4.
- 1.5 The "Big Ambitions", and their associated priorities are:

**Delivering efficient and effective**

- To put people at the heart of what we do
- To continue to drive performance improvement
- To effectively allocate and prioritise our resources

**Ambition 1: Investment, regeneration and creating jobs**

- To drive investment in regeneration projects.
- To support the business base in Stockport.
- To deliver our ambitious housing projects.
- To implement transport projects.

**Ambition 2: Education, work and skills**

- To create the conditions in which great school leaders can run great schools.
- To improve opportunities and outcomes for residents with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

- To work with employers to increase opportunities for young people to experience the world of work and understand the range of career opportunities.
- To improve access to work for adults and support for those re-entering the job market.

### **Ambition 3: Wellbeing in neighbourhoods**

- To deliver our ambitious neighbourhoods and prevention programme
- To create thriving places
- To support connected communities
- To deliver collaborative health and care

### **Ambition 4: Delivering for those who need it most**

- To protect, keep safe and support our residents with care and support needs.
- To lead the Borough's response to tackling poverty.
- To support residents with mental health, mental wellbeing, learning disabilities and autism.
- To support the children in our care and care leavers.
- To have safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led adult social care services.

1.6 The two cross-cutting themes that run throughout these four ambitions are:

- A Fair and Inclusive Stockport.
- Climate Action Now.

1.7 The Council Plan also outlines four key "enablers" - programmes that support the delivery of our core services to our residents. These are:

- Our workforce.
- Working with others.
- Radically Digital Stockport.
- Delivering change and spending wisely.

1.8 The plan is accompanied by a high-level Equality Impact Assessment and an Environmental Impact Assessment.

## **2. Next Steps**

2.1 Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, the draft plan will be submitted to Cabinet on 31<sup>st</sup> January and for formal adoption at the Budget Council Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

2.2 The information within the high-level Council and Transformation Plan, alongside the Medium -Term Financial Plan, provides the basis for detailed Portfolio Agreements and resource planning for 2024/25. Progress on delivery will continue to be reported in-year through the Portfolio and Corporate reports and accompanying online dashboards. The 2024/25 Portfolio Agreements (PPRAs) will be developed with existing Portfolio Holders in Spring 2024, being finalised by the new Cabinet and presented to Scrutiny Committees for consideration following the Local Elections.

## **3. Recommendations**

Cabinet is asked to approve the 2024/25 Council Plan for submission to the Budget Council Meeting.

**Further Information;**

- Council Plan 2023/24 is available [here](#).

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