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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# **COUNCIL**

## **27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Chief Executive**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>CORPORATE PLAN 2017 - 2022</b>
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### **1. Purpose**

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1.1 To approve the Corporate Plan 2017 - 2022

### **2. Recommendations**

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2.1 Council is recommended by Cabinet to approve the Corporate Plan for 2017 – 2022 and delegate to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council any final necessary amendments to finalise the Corporate Plan for publication.

### **3. Issues and Choices**

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#### **3.1 Report Background**

3.1.1 The Council, as part of its policy and management framework adopts a Corporate Plan each year. This sets out the context of the future direction of the Council and commitments for action on behalf of the elected Administration.

3.1.2 The attached draft Corporate Plan is for the period 2017-2022. The attached plan outlines the key priorities that the Council has over that time period.

- **Northampton Alive**
- **Safer Communities**
- **Housing for Everyone**
- **Protecting our Environment**
- **Love Northampton**
- **Working Hard and Spending your Money wisely**

- 3.1.3 In addition the draft Corporate Plan identifies three Business Development Priorities to drive the Council's efforts to support the delivery of corporate plan commitments and manage the Council's future financial challenge. Empowering Communities Economic Growth Partnership Working
- 3.1.4 Under each of the above priorities, commitments are made to the public of Northampton to progress these priorities.
- 3.1.5 The 2017- 2022 Corporate Plan is a refresh of the 2016 - 2020 Corporate Plan, approved by Full Council on 29th February 2016. The new plan has been updated to reflect progress and amended or additional priorities.
- 3.1.6 A key addition to the 2017 - 2022 Corporate Plan is the management, monitoring and review of the Governance Action Plan. The Governance Action Plan has been developed to reflect the importance of good governance to the achievement of the council's priorities and is therefore an important tool to assist the delivery of the new Corporate Plan.

## **3.2 Issues**

- 3.2.1 The purpose of the Corporate Plan is to ensure that it encapsulates the key points of direction, priority and commitment which the Council wishes to adopt.
- 3.2.2 The draft plan is the basis for the Council's financial plans for the next four years, showing the priorities for resource allocation and decision-making for the next four years subject to actual delivery and any changing priorities in that time.

## **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **4.1 Policy**

- 4.1.1 The draft Corporate Plan encompasses the main policy priorities of the Council and will act as the main corporate guiding document alongside the budget and individual service plans to guide officers.

### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

- 4.2.1 The draft Corporate Plan guides the content of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the Efficiency Plan; and the deployment of resources therein. Risks are constantly assessed in delivery and management of resources towards plan goals and commitments within the Council risk management framework.

### **4.3 Legal**

- 4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report

#### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 The draft Corporate Plan reflects the Council's commitment to work in an equal and non-discriminatory manner. The Council's equality strategy and monitoring underpins this commitment.

#### **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 The Leader of the Council and Management Board have been consulted on the draft Corporate Plan and individual commitments have been subject to a varying and wide-ranging amount of consultation, or will be further consulted upon in the future.

### **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 None

**David Kennedy, Chief Executive**