

**Extract of minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee  
21 June 2017**

57 Wiltshire Council Draft Business Plan 2017-2027

The Business Plan is a policy framework document which sets the council's strategic direction, priorities and key actions. The last Business Plan was approved at the start of the previous council's term and ran from 2013-2017. A new draft Business Plan had been prepared by the administration following the May 2017 local elections, with a plan period of 2017-2027.

The Leader of the Council, Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, presented the draft plan along with a report received by Cabinet on 20 June 2017. She explained that the draft plan built on and extended the vision and goals of the previous plans, focusing on the key priorities of building stronger communities, a growing economy and protecting the vulnerable. The draft plan also provided a framework to ensure the council delivers on its priorities, with regularly reviewed multi-year service plans and quarterly updated financial models.

It was explained that Cabinet would be reconsidering the draft plan in light of any comments from Overview and Scrutiny as well as other partners on 3 July 2017, ahead of consideration by Council on 11 July 2017.

The Committee then discussed the draft Business Plan and sought additional details from the Leader and senior officers on how the draft plan would deliver the key priorities, as contained the report appended to these minutes. In particular it was noted that the Business Plan had been produced following the election and therefore not much time was allotted for scrutiny, and that the context of the plan in conjunction with the medium term financial strategy was of continued reductions in government grants.

Other issues included questions on future plans to integrate health and social care services and transformation of adult care, details on apprenticeship growth, and arrangements for asset transfers to town and parish councils, including any potential for detailed guidance on best practice and level of assets recommended to be taken on at that level.

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Committee is satisfied with the time and opportunity it has had to scrutinise the draft Business Plan 2017-21 and notes that the Plan will now go forward to Cabinet and Council for approval.**
- 2) That Cabinet be asked to take note of the comments of the Committee as detailed in a report to be approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.**