## Wiltshire Council

#### **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

#### 21 June 2017

# Procedure for Scrutinising the Draft Council Business Plan 2017-27

#### Purpose

1. To outline a procedure for the Committee's consideration of the draft council Business Plan 2017-27.

## Background

- 2. The Business Plan sets the council's overarching strategy for the next ten years and its purpose is to enable Chief Officers to lead and manage the organisation to achieve the priorities and objectives set by elected members. It is therefore important that Overview and Scrutiny has the opportunity to scrutinise the Plan prior to it being finalised and adopted.
- 3. At Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 6 June it was agreed that the Committee would hold a special meeting to consider the draft new council Business Plan 2017-27 (alongside the draft council Digital Strategy 2017-21). This accords with the approach taken to scrutinising previous editions of the Plan.
- 4. On 20 June Cabinet discussed the draft Business Plan and agreed to:
  - Seek feedback on the draft Business Plan from Overview and Scrutiny and other key partners;
  - Review feedback at its next meeting on 3 July, in preparation for a final draft to be considered at Full Council on 11 July 2017.
- 5. Therefore, following today's debate a report presenting Management Committee's comments will be agreed with the Chairman and Vice-chairman and referred to Cabinet to consider at its meeting on 3 July as outlined above.
- 6. The final Business Plan will be an influential document when OS is developing its forward work programme, with experience showing that OS is most impactful when it focuses on the council's key priorities. Today's debate will be an initial step in this process. Following Full Council adoption of the new Business Plan, select committee chairmen / vice-chairmen will meet with the Executive and directors to gain a more informed understanding about key priorities and projects (as already agreed by the Management Committee).
- 7. The Chairman has asked that a note be prepared setting out the procedure for discussing the draft Business Plan.

#### Procedure

- Opening remarks from Baroness Jane Scott OBE, Leader of the Council
- Any input from the Corporate Directors
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Select Committees to comment and ask questions on their areas of responsibility, referring to relevant sections with page numbers as set out below.
- Open out the debate to other Management Committee members to make enquiries of the Executive representatives, referring to sections as set out below:

(page numbers relate to the meeting Agenda pack)

Introduction (page 33)

Overview of priorities (page 34)

"Under each of the priorities, goals set out what elected councillors would like to see and what will be different in the future."

Delivering our priorities (page 35)

"An explanation of what we will do – above and beyond business as usual – to deliver our goals, together with an explanation of why the goals are important and the challenges associated with delivering them."

Priority 1: Growing the Economy Highly Skilled Jobs (Employment) (page 37) Housing and Environment (Development) (page 38) Transport and Infrastructure (Access) (page 39)

Priority 2: Strong Communities Community wellbeing (Localisation) (page 40) Safe Communities (Protection) (page 41) Personal wellbeing (Prevention) (page 42)

Priority 3: Protecting the vulnerable Early Intervention (Prevention) (page 43) Joined up Health & Care (Integration) (page 44) Empowering & Safeguarding Families and Individuals (personalization) (page 45)

Working with partners as an innovative and effective council (page 46)

- 1. Community Involvement
- 2. Performance
- 3. People
- 4. Commercialism
- 5. Digital
- 6. Change

# 7. One Wiltshire Estate

8. Delivering Together

<u>Corporate Planning Cycle</u> (page 49) <u>Financial Summary</u> (page 50)

- As in previous years, the Committee is asked to focus on the main strategic and policy issues and not those that sit at an operational officer level.
- The Chairman will look to gain consensus to the key points made as the meeting moves through the debate. As described above, the key points will be listed in the minutes and form a report to Cabinet on 3 July and Full Council on 11 July.

# Proposal

8. To note the procedure for scrutinising the draft Business Plan 2017-27 set out in the report.

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