

EXETER CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE
3 JULY 2012

COUNCIL
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BUILDING A STRONGER SUSTAINABLE CITY CORPORATE PLAN 2012-2014

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval of the council's corporate plan 2012-14.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the Government's abolition of the Audit Commission, and changes to the performance and inspection framework, the council has the opportunity to publish a shorter, more accessible corporate plan.
- 2.2 A draft plan, entitled "Building a Stronger Sustainable City" is attached at Annex A (*NB not attached for SMT screening*). The aim of the plan is:
- to promote understanding and ownership of the council's direction, purposes and its values;
 - to set out some of the key actions the council will be taking;
 - to shift the focus to outcomes and evidence of how the council is making a difference to the people of Exeter;
 - to enable effective reporting on progress

3 CONTENT AND FORMAT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN

- 3.1 The council's re-structure and the continuing systems-thinking reviews have established a new focus on a set of purposes. These purposes form the framework of the corporate plan as a means of linking council activity to the needs and preferences of citizens and customers.
- 3.2 The plan sets out some of the key actions the council will be taking over the next two years to meet these purposes. It also provides a summary of the financial resources context.
- 3.4 The Council's performance framework is currently being reviewed to ensure that a set of measures is in place to enable the council to monitor and review how purposes are being met. Updates on key actions and measures will be reported to scrutiny committees on a half yearly basis.
- 3.5 The plan is intended primarily as an electronic document, which is simple to navigate, to provide easy access for members, officers and the public. The plan can also be easily printed in a readable format and hard copies will be available on request.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1. Executive requests Council to endorse the draft 2012-14 corporate plan.

STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT TEAM

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)
Background papers used in compiling this report: None