

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE & COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 16 September 2014 & 15 October 2014

Report of: Corporate Manager (Policy, Communications and Community Engagement)

Title: Corporate Plan Update 2014

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is this an Executive or Council Function? Council

1. What is the report about?

1.1 The report seeks Members' approval of the council's 2014 Corporate Plan update, which is annexed to the report.

2. Recommendations:

2.1 It is recommended that Executive approves the council's 2014 Corporate Plan update.

3. Reasons for the recommendation:

3.1 To endorse publication of the plan to enable members, employees and stakeholders to be informed about progress with actions in the 2012-14 Corporate Plan and to set out key priorities up to 2015.

4. What are the resource implications including non financial resources.

4.1 There are no resource implications. Funding for any projects or initiatives identified in the plan will be considered as they are approved on an individual basis.

5. Section 151 Officer comments:

5.1 None

6. What are the legal aspects?

6.1 None

7. Monitoring Officer's comments:

7.1 None

8. Report details:

8.1 In July 2012 the council published a short, more accessible corporate plan for 2012-14, entitled "Building a Stronger Sustainable City". The aim of the plan, which was well-received by staff and members, was:

- to promote understanding and ownership of the council's direction, purposes and its values;
- to set out some of the key actions the council would 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

8.2 Progress with the actions in the plan has been reported to SMT and members on a quarterly basis. In the light of the forthcoming budget consultation exercise, which will inform comprehensive spending proposals from 2015, it is proposed that the current report is a one-year 'update' report that sets out key challenges and achievements and reinforces the council's priorities, purposes and values.

8.3 The update report is intended primarily as an electronic document that is simple to navigate, provides 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.

9. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?

9.1 The risks of projects or initiatives identified in the plan will be assessed as they are approved on an individual basis and included in the Council's Risk Register as appropriate.

10. What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity; health and wellbeing; safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, community safety and the environment?

10.1 The impact of the projects or initiatives identified in the plan will be assessed as they are approved on an individual basis.

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Background papers used in compiling this report:-

None

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