

**CABINET
10 NOVEMBER 2020**

THE COUNCIL PLAN 2020-2023

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Heather Scott
Leader and all Cabinet Members**

Responsible Director - Chief Officers Executive

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve the Council Plan 2020-2023 for submission to Full Council.

Summary

2. The Council Plan sets out a proposed vision for the Council and key actions the Council would take to achieve that vision.
3. The draft plan was originally presented to and approved by Cabinet on 7 January 2020. Following a period of public consultation, a further report on the outcome of the consultation was presented to Cabinet on 3 March 2020 at which point it was agreed the draft plan should be presented to Full Council to seek approval.
4. The Coronavirus pandemic lock down prevented the plan from being submitted to Full Council. Nine months have now passed since the plan was originally given Cabinet approval, and while the plan remains largely unchanged, it has been updated to reflect the impacts of COVID, progress against some of the original key actions, and a change to one of the portfolio holders.
5. The Plan is subject to approval at Council in November 2020.

Recommendation

6. Cabinet to recommend the Council Plan (**Appendix 1**) to Council.

Reasons

7. The recommendation is to seek approval of the Council Plan.

Chief Officers Executive

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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| S17 Crime and Disorder | The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of community safety. |
| Health and Well Being | The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of improving the health and wellbeing of residents. |
| Carbon Impact and Climate Change | The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of improving the local environment, including carbon emissions. |
| Diversity | The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of building stronger communities and reducing inequalities across the borough. |
| Wards Affected | All |
| Groups Affected | Whole population |
| Budget and Policy Framework | The Council Plan will form part of the council's policy framework |
| Key Decision | This is a key decision because following consultation, agreement to the recommendations will result in the Local Authority adopting a plan which will have an effect on the communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the area of the local authority. |
| Urgent Decision | This is not an urgent decision for Cabinet as it will require adoption by full Council. |
| One Darlington: Perfectly Placed | The Council Plan is directly aligned to the One Darlington Perfectly Placed priorities and outcomes. |
| Efficiency | The Council Plan outlines the council's organisational objectives, including improving efficiency. |
| Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers | The Council Plan outlines the council's commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for Looked After Children, and contains a number of objectives and planned actions relating to this target. |

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

8. Cabinet approved the draft Council Plan for consultation at its meeting on 7 January 2020.
9. Following consultation with residents and via scrutiny committees, Cabinet approved the draft Council Plan at its meeting on 3 March 2020.
10. The Coronavirus pandemic lock down prevented the plan from being submitted to Full Council. Nine months have now passed since the plan was originally given Cabinet approval, and while the plan remains largely unchanged, it has been updated to reflect the impacts of COVID, progress against some of the original key actions, and a change to one of the portfolio holders.
11. It is good practice for a Council to have a plan setting out its vision and priorities and the Council's Corporate Plan 2017-2021 currently does that. It is also appropriate that a new administration would review the plan and establish its own vision and priorities, the Council Plan is the product of the review.
12. It is proposed that there will be 6 monthly reporting to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees on progress against the plan and wider performance indicators relating to priority outcomes and Council service delivery.
13. The Council Plan is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Key changes to the plan since March 2020

14. The impacts of Coronavirus, both short and longer term, and the challenges these present to the Council and the Borough more widely are reflected throughout the plan. A new key action relating to this has been added to the Health and Housing Portfolio.
15. During the past nine months progress has been made against some of the key actions. Where appropriate, key actions have been amended to reflect this.
16. Councillor Keir has been appointed as portfolio holder for Local Services.