

**COUNCIL  
26 NOVEMBER 2020**

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**THE COUNCIL PLAN 2020-2023**

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

**Responsible Director - Chief Officers Executive**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek Council approval for the Council Plan 2020-2023.

**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 delayed the plan from being submitted to Council in line with the original timetable. Nine months have passed since the initial Cabinet approval, and whilst 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. This updated version of the plan was approved by Cabinet on 10 November 2020.
5. The plan now requires approval from Council.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that Council approves the Council Plan 2020-2023

**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. 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.
9. Cabinet approved the draft Council Plan for consultation at its meeting on 7 January 2020, and 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 delayed the plan from being submitted to Council in line with the original timetable. Nine months have passed since the initial Cabinet approval, and whilst 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. This updated version of the plan was approved by Cabinet on 10 November 2020.
11. It is proposed that there will be a 6 monthly reporting cycle to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees on progress against the plan and wider performance indicators relating to priority outcomes and Council service delivery.
12. The Council Plan is attached at **Appendix 1**.