

**CABINET  
7 JANUARY 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 approve the Council Plan 2020-2023 for consultation.

**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 Plan is subject to consultation and will ultimately be subject to approval at Council in March 2020.

**Recommendation**

4. Cabinet recommended to :-
  - (a) Approve the Council Plan for Consultation.
  - (b) Receive feedback from consultation at its meeting in March.

**Reasons**

5. The recommendations are supported in order to approve a plan for consultation.-

**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. The performance monitoring framework further includes indicators to measure progress towards this outcome, both from the council and across the borough.
Health and Well Being	The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of improving the health and wellbeing of residents. The performance monitoring framework further includes indicators to measure progress towards this outcome, both from the council and across the borough
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. The performance monitoring framework further includes indicators to measure progress towards this outcome, both from the council and across the borough.
Diversity	The Council Plan outlines the council's priorities and objectives in respect of building stronger communities and reducing inequalities across the borough. The performance monitoring framework further includes indicators to measure progress towards this outcome, both from the council and 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. The performance monitoring framework further includes indicators to measure the council's progress towards this outcome.
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, planned actions, and performance measures relating to this target.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

6. 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.
7. The new plan continues to support the key aims of the Community Strategy – One Darlington Perfectly Placed and builds on the work undertaken in previous years.
8. 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.
9. The Council Plan is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### Consultation

10. Subject to Cabinet approval, there will be a public consultation on the proposed plan starting 8 January 2020 and ending on 7 February 2020. All scrutiny committees have special meetings arranged between 9 January and 14 January which will allow the plan to be considered by all committees during the consultation period. Furthermore, the plan along with a feedback form will be available on the corporate website for the duration of the consultation, with paper copies of the feedback form available where required.
11. To help raise public awareness of the plan and consultation, the Council will use a number of communications channels including, but not limited to social media, local media, the One Darlington magazine and internal staff communications. Councillors are encouraged to help raise awareness of the consultation through their ward newsletters, ward surgeries, and any other suitable channels they have at their disposal.
12. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to Cabinet in March.