

Wards Affected: All Wards

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CORPORATE PLAN 2012-16

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Executive Summary:

This report presents a refreshed Corporate Plan 2012-16 for Milton Keynes, and sets out the background, context and process for the refresh.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 That the Council be recommended to approve the refreshed Corporate Plan 2012-16.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan 2012-16 was agreed by Council in January 2012. The four year plan includes outcomes and priorities that were intended to provide a high level policy framework for the council for the period 2012-16.
- 2.2 The refreshed Corporate Plan 2012–16 (**Annex A**) sets out the vision for Milton Keynes, it captures the type of place Milton Keynes aspires to be for all those who live, work, learn and visit here.
- 2.3 The rationale for the refresh was the changing local and national context in which the Council is operating. This led Members to suggest that revisions to the plan were required to update relevant statistics, references and wordings.

3. Process

- 3.1 A Corporate Plan Review Group was established by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to oversee the process. This follows the recommendation of the Corporate Plan Review Group 2011 that a regular review of the Corporate Plan takes place and included the scrutiny function in its process.
- 3.2 Given the timing of the review, it was agreed to proceed with a light touch refresh and that the areas of revision would cover:
 - Update the context and factual elements
 - Identify where actions had been delivered
 - Identify areas which remain relevant.
- 3.3 During the autumn officers undertook the work in line with the areas outlined in 3.2 above. This included updating where new data had become available, for example from the Census.

3.4 Revisions have been made to:

- Statistical data
- Minor amendments to priorities to reflect the work that is taking place
- Removal of completed priorities, but provided in an annex.
- Minor amendments to content based on local and national changes

3.5 A copy of the Review Group Report is attached at **Annex B** for information.

4. **Options**

4.1 If the refreshed Corporate Plan 2012-16 is not approved by Council, the current Corporate Plan agreed by Council in January 2012 will remain in effect.

5. **Implications**

5.1 Policy

The Council needs to communicate its vision and priorities and plan how these will be delivered. The Corporate Plan is set within the current national and local policy context.

5.2 Resources and Risk

The Corporate Plan is set within the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the budget for 2014/15 as well as reflecting the good governance in place to manage and allocate resources to deliver and improve services.

Y	Capital	Y	Revenue	Y	Accommodation
Y	IT	Y	Medium Term Plan	Y	Asset Management

5.3 Carbon and Energy Management

One of the priority activities is to establish exemplar projects to position Milton Keynes as a leading Smart City and low carbon economy

5.4 Legal

Article 4 of the Council constitution provides for full Council to approve areas set out in the policy framework, including the Corporate Plan.

5.5 Other Implications

The nature of the Corporate Plan means it recognises all the policies below and uses them in the implementation of the Plan.

Y	Equalities/Diversity	Y	Sustainability	Y	Human Rights
Y	E-Government	Y	Stakeholders	Y	Crime and Disorder

The last Equality Impact Assessment remains current. When it was completed it recommended that no major changes were made. Consideration was given of the impact of the Corporate Plan and each of the themes. Each of these themes advances equality of opportunity and opportunity for everyone is a major thread that runs through the plan.
<http://www.mkiobservatory.org.uk/page.aspx?id=2151&siteID=1026>

Background Papers: None