



Overview and Scrutiny Corporate Plan Review Group

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Background

The Review Group was established by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee following the recommendation of the Corporate Plan Review Group 2011, that a regular review of the Corporate Plan take place and included the scrutiny function in its process.

Review Group process

The Review Group was established in August 2013 and representative from the three main political groups attend the majority of meetings.

This Review Group initially met in August 2013 where it was discussed that a light touch revision of the Corporate Plan at this time was the most appropriate approach. The Group sought the advice of Group Leaders to ensure this had agreement of the three main political Groups.

At the Group Leaders meeting on 5 September 2013, it was agreed to go with the Review Group suggestion to undertake a light touch refresh rather than a totally refresh of the Corporate Plan.

The Review Group met on 17 September 2013 and agreed that the areas for revision would cover:

1. Update the context and factual elements;
2. Identify where actions had been delivered; and
3. Identify areas which remain relevant.

Where new data had become available, for example, following the release of the Census data, this would be reflected in the revised version of the Corporate Plan. There were a number of other considerations which the Group reflected upon including the financial position and the impact of legislative changes.

The Group also considered the role of partners and the contributions they made to many of the targets and activities in the plan and that an approach to reflecting this and reporting partner data, where relevant and available, in the regular quarterly performance reports might be beneficial.

Officers had undertaken this work in October and a revised copy of the Corporate Plan was presented to the Group in November 2013.

The Group met in November 2013 and considered the revisions made and received assurance from officers that the statistical data had been updated correctly, with much of the data being sourced from the Census data released.

The Group reflected on the proposed amendments to the priorities and outcomes and made comments on these. Some of the proposed amendments were to bring the priority up to date to reflect work actually taking place.

Officers highlighted those priorities which had been completed and therefore proposed to remove them. For those priorities, the Group suggested that a list be provided at the back of the Corporate Plan untitled priorities delivered to show progress.

The Group suggested changes to wordings in some of the priorities and outcomes to make the statement of intent clearer and more relevant.

The Review Group have had an overseeing role in the revisions to the Corporate Plan and the amendments made by officers.

This summary of the Review Group would be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and be presented to the Cabinet for information.

The key dates are set out below:

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| 18 December 2013 | Cabinet to receive the draft revised Corporate Plan 2012- 2016 |
| 15 January 2014 | Council to consider agreeing the revisions of the Corporate Plan |
| April 2014 | Implementation of Corporate Plan |
| May 2014 | Induction for new members covers role and use of Corporate Plan |

Background Papers

Report of the Corporate Plan Review Group 2011

Revised Corporate Plan 2012 -2016

Officer report to Cabinet, 18 December 2013 (available early December)

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