

## **Item 8) - Corporate Plan, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Risk Register for 2015/2016**

### **Comments from the Scrutiny Committee**

#### **General comments:**

- ▶ Actions and targets should be more SMART (specific, measureable, achievable, realistic and timebound)
- ▶ Accepts that there will be potentially significant changes to the format and contents of the corporate plan after the 2015 elections
- ▶ Add an action to explore a combined authority for Lancashire

#### **Clean, green and safe**

- ▶ More specific on delivering key aspects of the new vision and action plan for Worden Park
- ▶ Add an action on the creation of Central Park
- ▶ Include a target of the number of fixed penalties issued for cleansing, particularly around dog fouling and litter
- ▶ Implement a communications campaign using existing tools and resources to change behaviours and encourage civic pride around litter, dog fouling and people looking after their local area at no cost
- ▶ The implementation of the new waste contractor should be included

#### **Strong South Ribble in the heart of a prosperous Central Lancashire**

- ▶ Be specific on which town and village centre schemes will be implemented and when
- ▶ Include a target on the percentage of empty properties to be brought back into use
- ▶ The measures should include the economic vibrancy of other town centres and not just Hough Lane
- ▶ Could there be an action building on existing work about marketing/promoting the Borough and its image to potential investors

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- ▶ The number of affordable homes delivered should be more ambitious and linked with the 30% affordable housing in the relevant planning policies

### **Strong and Healthy Communities**

- ▶ Add key actions from the Chorley and South Ribble Health and Wellbeing Action Plan
- ▶ What is the current situation with Air Quality Zones?
- ▶ Carry out a strategic review of leisure and future needs of borough, including the potential to expand leisure trust remit to parks and football pitches etc.

### **Efficient, effective and exceptional council**

- ▶ The efficiency target should be included explicitly
- ▶ The measures of success should include employee sickness absence rates
- ▶ Council tax and business rate collection rates would be good measure to have
- ▶ Could a strategic review of fees and charges across the Council be carried out to ensure we are maximising and doing all we can to bring more into the Council
- ▶ Improving external communications should be a specific action, linked to e-citizen and social media
- ▶ Could the business transformation areas be explicitly listed in the corporate plan
- ▶ Include an action and target around energy efficiency in the council's properties about saving money and the environment.

## **Ends**