

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
Scrutiny Committee	13 December 2015

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Corporate Plan, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Risk Register for 2017/2018	Leader of the Council	Darren Cranshaw	6

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

On an annual basis the Council reviews and re-freshes its Corporate Plan as part of the performance management framework to identify the key issues that will help us to achieve our vision and priorities for South Ribble.

The Corporate Plan drives the Council’s medium term financial strategy, budget and ultimately in setting council tax. An important element of the process is to ensure that corporate risks are identified and mitigated. The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider what the key issues are in this process.

This item links to the Council’s current vision and all its priorities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the key issues it would like to see included in the corporate plan for 2017/2018, medium term financial strategy and risk register.

DETAILS AND REASONING

As mentioned earlier, each year the Council reviews and re-freshes its Corporate Plan as part of the performance management framework to identify the key issues that will help us to achieve our vision and priorities for South Ribble. This enables the Council to concentrate on the key issues that matter to our residents, councillors and local communities.

Our Corporate Plan is the over-arching document that drives our medium term financial strategy, budget and in setting council tax. Risk is also a key element so that we are able to meet the challenges facing us and to keep performance and key processes on track. A corporate risk register and actions plan is therefore produced.

A copy of the current year’s corporate plan is included at Appendix 1 and a copy of the current risk register at Appendix 2.

Informal discussions have started to take place with Cabinet Members and Senior Management Team on the key issues for next year’s Corporate Plan, medium term financial strategy and risk register for next year. These discussions are set against a

backdrop of the Council's improvement plan, annual governance statement, further efficiencies needing to be made and issues affecting the wider public sector.

The Council is working to produce a more SMART (specific, measureable, achievable, realistic and timebound) corporate plan, but due to the timescales involved as result of challenges facing the Council this year an even more structured approach will be adopted next year.

To help these discussions and the preparatory work currently taking place, the Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the key issues it would like to see in next year's Corporate Plan, medium term financial strategy and risk register.

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the following questions as part of their deliberations:

- ▶ Are the Corporate Objectives still relevant and current?
- ▶ What key actions should there be in 2017/2018?
- ▶ What key measures of success should there be in 2017/2018?
- ▶ How can efficiencies be made in 2017/2018 and beyond?
- ▶ Are there any new ways of working or changes that would help to improve services and generate efficiencies?
- ▶ Are there any new risks that should be included in the risk register?
- ▶ What is the role of the Scrutiny Committee in monitoring performance on the Corporate Plan, medium term financial strategy and risk register?

The Scrutiny Committee's comments will be considered by Cabinet Members and Senior Management Team in preparing a draft Corporate Plan for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee on 31 January 2017, Cabinet on 20 February 2017 and full Council on 1 March 2017.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None as a direct result of this report, but the Scrutiny Committee's comments will be used to inform the medium term financial strategy, budget and council tax setting going forward.
LEGAL	None as a result of this report.

RISK	This report asks the Scrutiny Committee to consider this year's risk register and suggest any risks for next year. A high-level risk assessment will be carried out when the Corporate Plan is drafted and as part of the risk and project management frameworks appropriate risk assessments will be carried out on individual corporate plan actions/projects once it is agreed.
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THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	Equality, diversity and community cohesion will be considered as the Corporate Plan is drafted and full equality impact will be carried out on the Corporate Plan, medium term financial strategy and risk register. It is a statutory requirement for the Council set annual equality objectives.
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OTHER (see below)	
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<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- ▶ Performance Management Framework
- ▶ Medium Term Financial Strategy