



Report to: Meeting of the Full Council – 12 December 2023

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<b>Report Summary</b>	
<b>Report Title</b>	Community Plan 2023 - 2027
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To approve the Community Plan 2023-2027
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Council approve the Community Plan to be implemented for the period 2023 - 2027
<b>Reason for Recommendations</b>	<p>The Community Plan has been under development for a number of months with Portfolio Holders, Chairs and Vice Chairs. It has since been presented to both the Policy &amp; Performance Improvement Committee and Cabinet, as well as shared with Community Partners.</p> <p>The Plan has now taken into account the feedback and comments from the sources named above and is ready to be presented to Full Council for approval prior to implementation.</p>

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Community Plan is the key direction setting document used to outline the priorities and vision of the Council over the course of a four year term. As a result of the election in May 2023, a new administration was appointed and they have worked together to develop the Community Plan 2023-2027.
- 1.2 The Community Plan has been under development for a number of months, in which the Cabinet, Chairs and Vice Chairs have met a number of times with the aim of developing and shaping the priorities of the Community Plan 2023 – 2027. The results of the Resident Survey 2022 have been used to inform the development of the Community Plan (attached as an appendix to the report).
- 1.3 Business Managers have reviewed the draft Community Plan objectives and associated actions and have had the opportunity to provide feedback.

- 1.4 As the Community Plan guides the direction of the Council over a four year term, the necessary exploratory works, approvals and start dates of actions will be staggered throughout that term. As such Business Managers are currently working on Business Plans which set out the activities which will commence in year 1, they are also plotting start dates throughout the term for commencement of each action.
- 1.5 The Community Plan was presented to the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee (PPIC) on 25 September 2023 and Members of the committee contributed a number of comments which were carried forward for Cabinet to consider. The committee carried the recommendation to endorse and recommend the draft Community Plan to Cabinet.
- 1.6 The Community Plan was presented to Cabinet on 31 October 2023, the comments made by PPIC were shared with Cabinet for consideration. Cabinet carried the recommendation to endorse and recommend the Community Plan to Full Council for approval.
- 1.7 The Community Plan was presented to a meeting of Community Partners hosted by the Council in November. It is acknowledged that within the Community Plan some of the actions set out are only deliverable if the Council works in partnership with the relevant partners and organisations, as such this session set out to share our Community Plan with our partners.
- 1.8 It is recognised that the Community Plan must remain at the heart of doing what is right for our residents. As such, the Community Plan must remain adaptable to ensure that the Council can respond to the needs of the community. The Community Plan will also be reviewed on an annual basis hereafter.

## **2.0 Proposal/Details of Options Considered**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council approve the Community Plan, which will outline the priorities and vision for the period 2023-2027.

## **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **Financial Implications (FIN23-24/8812)**

- 3.1 Where appropriate any resource requirements to enable the delivery of the actions contained with the draft Community Plan 2023-2027 will be built into the budgets/HRA Business Plan/Medium Term Financial Plan that will be approved during February and March 2024.
- 3.2 For those actions that require further work to be undertaken to understand the resource requirements to deliver the actions, where appropriate, individual reports will be brought back on the various topics, which will identify any resource requirements to deliver the action whether that be from a one-off perspective or on-going.

**Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None