

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE
24 SEPTEMBER 2020

COMMUNITY PLAN 2020 - 2023

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the refreshed Community Plan 2020-2023 for approval.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Community Plan has been updated to reflect our communities and our priorities during the Covid-19 pandemic. There have been numerous examples of community spirit and communities coming together to support one another which have been reflected in the refreshed document.

2.2 The continuation of the Council's Humanitarian Assistance Response Team's (HART) approach which was established during Covid-19 to support households in need has also been included in the document.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 The refreshed Community plan, attached as an **Appendix**, covers the same current plan period (up until 2023) and includes the following objectives:



Create vibrant and self-sufficient local communities where residents look out for each other and actively contribute to their local area



Deliver inclusive and sustainable economic growth



Create more and better quality homes through our roles as landlord, developer and planning authority



Continue to maintain the high standard of cleanliness and appearance of the local environment



Enhance and protect the district's natural environment



Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and increase feelings of safety in our communities



Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents

3.2 The design of the document has been updated and each objective covers the same three sections:-

- How will we achieve this – includes the activities that the Council will deliver to meet the objective
- How will we measure our success - includes the performance measures that will identify if the Council has achieved the objective
- What we have achieved so far – includes details of activities that the Council have already delivered to meet the objective

3.3 The community plan also includes sections on our people and our place, our vision and our values, our funding and includes ways that residents can engage with the Council through our resident panel, consultations and for those residents who are also tenants, via the newly formed tenant scrutiny panel.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 When developing the Community Plan we have had regard to the Equality Objectives contained within our Equality Strategy to ensure as far as possible that our plan furthers these objectives. In particular our plan makes a clear link between how we will work with others to improve the life chances of different groups by pooling information, resources and action planning. We also make reference to how we will better understand our communities through the collection and analysis of information, and engaging with partners as appropriate. When reviewing our services we will also ensure that they are accessible and meet the needs of our citizens.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN20-21/771)

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Revenue Current Year

5.2 The council's 2020/21 revenue budgets seek to deliver the objectives of the refreshed Community Plan 2020-2023. Details about the council's financial projections for the 2020/21 financial year can be found in the *General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Capital Projected Outturn Report to 31 March 2021 as at 31 July 2020* report elsewhere on this meeting's agenda.

Revenue Future Years

5.3 A key aim of the council's medium-term financial plan is to deliver the community plan objectives. The council's budgets for 2021/22 and future years will be set with plans to deliver these, matched against the expected resources available to fund this spend.

Capital Implications

5.4 Officers will present separate reports to Committees as appropriate regarding prospective and agreed capital projects to deliver the council's community plan objectives.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the refresh of the Community Plan 2020-2023 be approved.

Reason for Recommendation

To approve the Community Plan refresh 2020-2023.

Background Papers

Nil.

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