

## **CABINET – 7TH APRIL 2022**

### **Report of the Scrutiny Commission**

#### **ITEM 7        CORPORATE DELIVERY PLAN 2022-23**

##### **Purpose of Report**

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-23.

##### **Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission**

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendation set out in the report of the Strategic Director: Environmental and Corporate Services.

##### **Reason**

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### **Meeting Discussion**

- i. It was highlighted that the newly established Hamilton Lea parish could be more integrated into the council's work. Members felt that the parish could have a stronger identity within the borough.
- ii. The Council would support the independent Inspector undertaking the Local Plan examination by enabling open sessions and providing the information and evidence required. It was acknowledged that the word 'service' on page 26 of the agenda could be replaced with the word 'support' to clarify the actions of the council.
- iii. The Hope Bell project had commenced and was currently at the consultation and design stage. A significant amount of work remained and it was anticipated that the project would be completed within the next 13-14 months.
- iv. The council had introduced Place Indicators which were separate from Key Performance Indicators. The purpose of the Place Indicators was to inform the context in which the council operated in order to gain insight, and to facilitate future planning and service delivery. Key Performance Indicators remained in place.
- v. The recommendation to give delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to make amendments to the Corporate Delivery Plan would involve minor changes. Any significant changes would need to be agreed by the Cabinet. It was suggested that the word 'minor' be inserted into the recommendation in the report.

- vi. It was unlikely that further reductions in funding or income over the lifetime of the Corporate Delivery Plan may result in objectives not being delivered and impacting on customers. This was because the council's government funding was secure for the duration of the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-23.
- vii. The KIs 13-15 outlined in Appendix 2 to the report were statutory, with an annual target only.
- viii. The Council was working closely with partner organisations to address anti-social behaviour. Overcoming issues linked to anti-social behaviour was challenging and the partnership was bound by legal frameworks.
- ix. The council was working with the Football Foundation to deliver a football infrastructure across the borough. This would include assessing the needs and requirements in different areas to provide pitches. The facilities would not be restricted to specific demographic groups. It was agreed that more information on this could be provided to members following the meeting.
- x. The Bedford Square Gateway Project was being delivered through a revised timetable following the expansion of the project.
- xi. The council was working to manage air quality in the borough and would review air quality targets in line with the Environment Act 2021.
- xii. The targets associated with the collection of litter on large roads was within the relevant Service Delivery Plan and contract with the operator.
- xiii. The council aimed to meet the housing needs of households on the housing register by bringing 35 empty homes back into use. The council would be required to assess the needs of individuals on the housing register in order to identify the properties which would be suitable to include within this target.
- xiv. The opening of the Cemetery at Nanpantan Road was imminent. It was highlighted that the work undertaken had been praised by the community. The council would actively promote the opening of the Cemetery at the appropriate time.
- xv. The Discover Charnwood website was live and there was a possibility that printed material could be provided to promote the initiative. Research had suggested that website use was the preferred information source for tourists.
- xvi. Members thanked Officers for including the delivery of improved end of summer waste arrangements for students within the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-23, as requested. It was highlighted that this would make a significant positive impact on the community.

#### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

#### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

#### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

##### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

##### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 121 2021/22, 4th April 2022
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