

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	25 November 2015
TITLE:	Bath and North East Somerset Council Corporate Strategy 2016-20
WARD:	All
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List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1: Draft Bath and North East Somerset Council Corporate Strategy 2016-20	

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report introduces the draft Bath and North East Somerset Council Corporate Strategy 2016-20 for consideration and discussion.

2 RECOMMENDATION

Resources PDS is asked to:

- 2.1 Consider the draft Bath and North East Somerset Council Corporate Strategy 2016-20.
- 2.2 Note the timetable for further development and formal adoption of the Strategy.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Corporate Strategy will provide the context for the medium term financial strategy. More detailed information on resource allocation and savings will be added once it had passed through the Council's decision making process (the four year medium term financial strategy will be considered by Council in February 2016).
- 3.2 More broadly, the Corporate Strategy will form a key consideration in the allocation of Council resources particularly as part of the annual budget process.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Corporate Strategy is the Council's overarching strategic plan and forms a key part of the Policy and Budget Framework in the Council's constitution. It is not a legal requirement to produce a Corporate Strategy; however, it is an essential communication tool and will provide a clear framework for officers and members to work within. It will outline the key priorities of the Council and help to guide decisions around investment and projects.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Attached is the Council's draft Corporate Strategy 2016-2020. It sets out the 2020 beautifully inventive vision and our direction of travel over the next 4 years.
- 5.2 If agreed by Council in February 2016 the Corporate Strategy will become the overarching framework for Council business until 2020. It will also set out our financial strategy over the same period.
- 5.3 The Corporate Strategy is not intended to capture everything that the Council does nor does it include the detail of our work and projects. That is the role of the Directorate and Service plans which will flow from the Corporate Strategy.

Directorate Plans

- 5.4 New Directorate Plans will flow from the Corporate Strategy and set out both the strategic and financial ambitions of each Directorate.

5.5 TIMETABLE

Task	Date
Consultation with PDS on Directorate Plans	November
Consultation with Area Forums on Directorate Plans	November
Corporate Strategy and Directorate Plans to Cabinet	7 December
Consultation with PDS on Directorate Plans	January
Corporate Strategy and Directorate Plans (with appendices and 4 year settlement) to Cabinet	10 February
Corporate Strategy and Directorate Plans (with appendices and 4 year settlement) to Council	16 February

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 The Corporate Strategy will help to communicate the corporate priorities of the Council and will also set out our financial strategy over the same period. It will bring together our 2020 vision and the key political commitments agreed by Cabinet – further developing the corporate narrative and articulating our strategic direction for the future through four corporate priorities.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 None.

8 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Strategy builds on our 2020 vision which was developed in consultation with the Council, NHS, police, local business, fire service and the voluntary sector. The four priorities set out in the Strategy are shaped by and build on the key areas of focus adopted by Cabinet at their meeting on 8 July 2015.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations will be undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	
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