

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL – 15 NOVEMBER 2016

KEY ACTIONS AND SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAMME – UPDATE REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION & PURPOSE

- 1.1 The corporate plan included a delivery plan which set out a number of key actions and reviews for 2016/17. The delivery plan was set out against the background of continued funding reductions.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on the work being undertaken and savings made, as part of the regular monitoring of the delivery plan.

2. KEY DELIVERY ACTIONS AND SERVICE REVIEWS

- 2.1 The table sets out key delivery actions and service reviews pertinent to the community overview and scrutiny panel and provides progress updates where available.

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Service Review and Terms of Reference		Progress Update
E.2	<p>Housing Strategy <i>Review the delivery of affordable housing in terms of realistic aspirations of the Council and recent changes in the planning system. Assess the existing constraints and take into account the emerging new Government policy advice. Progress through the local plan review</i></p>	An interim review (Council Housing Buy-Back & Development Update 2012/13 – 2015/16 and Future Strategy 2016/17 – 2018/2019) has been undertaken and was considered and supported by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 20 September 2016
G.3	<p>Community Safety <i>Review the Council's involvement in community safety (having regard to the Council's statutory responsibilities)</i></p>	Management review of arrangements is currently underway and will be reported to Panel when completed. Savings in the region of £63,000 have already been made.
O.2	<p>Health & Leisure Centres <i>Set financial targets and scope service delivery review to challenge existing arrangements and maximise outcomes for the council and the customer in the longer term</i></p>	The management restructure has been completed and identified savings of £153,000. Focus will now turn to the broader fundamental service review which will aim to consider a range of delivery options for the future. Scoping of the review is expected to be completed by March 2017, with a full review scheduled for 2017 which will develop a feasibility report for the 'preferred' options arising from the scoping
O.4	<p>CCTV/Alarm Monitoring <i>Service delivery review to challenge existing arrangements and maximise outcomes for the council and the customer</i></p>	A review was undertaken by a member task and finish group to consider the medium term position of the CCTV service. It reported back to the Community and Overview Scrutiny Panel in March 2016 and an action plan agreed for development of the service. Progress against agreed actions was reported to Panel in Sept 2016.

2.2 The savings identified to date are annual and ongoing, and directly contribute to the funding shortfall identified in the medium term financial plan.

2.3 Reviews will continue to be monitored and reported upon to ensure they are progressing and that objectives of the review are being met.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A clear focus of the reviews is continued financial responsibility with a view to easing funding pressures.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel note the progress updates contained within this report.

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Background Papers

Key Action and Service Review Programme
Report – EMT June 2016
Our corporate plan 2016-2020 Delivery Plan
Cabinet Report Feb 2016