

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL – 14th MARCH 2017

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 & Scrutiny Panel and provides progress updates where available.

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| Service Review and Terms of Reference | | Progress Update |
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| 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> | Service Manager review completed. Position of Community Safety Officer deleted which contributed to saving of £63,000 reported previously. Work attaching to Community Safety Officer now undertaken by Partnership Intervention Manager, with dedicated admin support and significant input from Legal Team into safeguarding issues and domestic homicide reviews. Operational arrangements of Community Safety Partnership reviewed with a single Strategy & Delivery Group now responsible for setting strategy and monitoring action. |
| 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> | Scoping of the fundamental review will be reported to EMT in March 2017 and will set out the objectives and approach to the review. The review will be undertaken in 2017/18 and will develop a feasibility report for the 'preferred' options arising from the scoping. |
| O.8 | <p>Community Grants <i>Review financial support and partnership working with community groups</i></p> | Completed A review has been undertaken of the arrangements for community grants which has made the process more transparent with greater engagement. |

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