

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Council Plan</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Council on 22 March 2018
<b>WARD</b>	None specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Manjeet Gill, Chief Executive
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Charlotte Haitham-Taylor, Leader of the Council

## **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

Enables the community to understand the progress that the Council has made in implementing its 2014/15-17/18 plan, the actions planned for 2018/19 and the process for creating a revised strategic plan for 2019/20-2024/25.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council:

- 1) endorse and approve the publication and communication of the 2014-17 Council Plan achievements as attached in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2) request that a Borough Plan for 2019-22 produced in partnership is presented to Council in February 2019.

## **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The Council's Plan for 2014/15-17/18 laid out a vision and priorities for 2014/15-17/18. The achievements of that plan and review of what is carried forward into the next plan are outlined.

The review covers the priorities that will be delivered in 2018/19 and a timetable of stakeholder engagement which will then culminate in a more grounded 2019/20-2024/25 partnership plan for the borough which will be presented to Council in February for approval as the Council and Borough Plan 2019/20-2024/25.

## Background

In 2018, the Council has similar challenges to 2014, as well as new challenges, particularly provision of affordable housing, health and care ensuring that the Council continues to deliver efficient, high quality services in the face of a much reduced Revenue Support Grant.

The Council recognises that its priorities and vision are increasingly delivered in collaboration with various stakeholders, be they Town and Parish Councils, residents, and associations, the NHS or Police, as some examples.

In late 2016, the Council developed its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Council model for how it operated and residents accessed services. This model puts the customer at the heart of how it is organised; better use of technology and insight; and utilises localism in how its services are tailored to area needs in partnership with others.

Strategic planning for the new plan needs to engage all the different stakeholders and prepare a new Borough Plan that recognises and establishes key priorities and how they will be delivered by partners and the Council as opposed to a 'Council Plan' which sets the authority's priorities in isolation from our partners and stakeholders. For a partnership and corporate plan to be effective, all need clarity on how the plan will be delivered. The golden thread from vision to outcomes, to arrangements for delivery and key success measures need to be outlined.

It is envisaged that the next six months will establish a plan to achieve these aims. This will include engaging with all of our stakeholders. The review outlines the Council's approach, values and the golden thread in terms of present delivery.

## Analysis of Issues

The Council Plan Review sets out the key actions that the Council has delivered in the last four years. It is an opportunity to review progress in delivering the Council Plan 2014/15-2017/18 and to look forward to the coming year.

The Council Plan Review also sets out the process to create a new Borough Plan with our Partners for 2019/20-2024/25.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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<b>Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision</b>
None

<b>Cross-Council Implications</b>
These changes impact across all the Council's services.

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
Council Plan Review 2014/15-17/18

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