

TITLE	Wokingham Borough Council Plan
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on 29 May 2019
WARD	(All Wards);
DIRECTOR	Graham Ebers, Deputy Chief Executive

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Accountability and transparency of the delivery of key Council priorities and to inform decision making.

RECOMMENDATION

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee are recommended to:

- 1) Consider the Council Plan update provided at Committee on 29 May 2019;
- 2) Share any feedback with Officers around the information gathered so far to inform the Council Plan and the priorities for Wokingham Borough over the next five years.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Council Plan will set the strategic vision, values and priorities for the Council for the next five years. The Plan will also identify the key actions to be delivered to improve outcomes for Wokingham Borough and will detail what measures will be used to help track progress.

A presentation will be shared with Members at Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on the Council Plan to summarise what information has been gathered so far, how stakeholders have been engaged in the consultation process and to advise of the next steps for finalising the Plan.

Officers would like to engage with Members to hear their views and feedback around the 10 priorities for Wokingham Borough.

Background

Through the Council Plan Engagement Summary, consultation has taken place with the public and partner organisations to engage on the priorities facing Wokingham Borough and identify areas of focus for the next five years which will improve outcomes for residents.

10 priority areas have been identified for the Council Plan. Further work is being undertaken with the Senior Officer team to distill these 10 priorities into themes and ensure that the stated Vision resonates with this. Detailed actions against the 10 priorities are being developed by Directors in conjunction with partners.

The Council Plan will consider, for each priority, what challenges are facing the Borough, what outcomes we want to achieve, to reflect on the work already underway and to specify the key actions to deliver improvements.

Analysis of Issues

The draft Council Plan is being developed currently, through work with each service to ensure it reflects the key priority areas and the agreed actions to be delivered over the next five years. The Council Plan is scheduled to be considered at Executive in July 2019.

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)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Nil	Nil	Nil

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
None
Cross-Council Implications
This report covers the whole of the Council's operations.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
None
List of Background Papers
None

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