

TITLE	Corporate Plan - Annual Review
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Audit Committee on 2 February 2022
WARD	None Specific
LEAD OFFICER	Graham Ebers – Deputy Chief Executive Officer

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This report demonstrates the Council's delivery against its strategic priorities which are set out in the Corporate Delivery Plan. These are:

- Safe, Strong Communities
- Enriching Lives
- Right Homes, Right Place
- Keeping the Borough Moving
- A Clean Green Borough
- Changing the Way We Work for You and Be the Best We Can Be

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the activity and output from the Council over the past year and recommend the adoption of this annual report for the 2020/21 municipal year to the Executive.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report is to allow the Audit Committee to note how the Council has delivered against the objectives set out in the Corporate Delivery Plan. It should be viewed in tandem with the Statement of Accounts which is published alongside this report and gives the financial context of the performance of the Council against its aims.

February 2020, we set out our vision of Wokingham Borough as "A great place to live, learn, work and grow and a great place to do business". Later that same month, the first case of Covid-19 was reported in the borough signalling the start of the most challenging 12 months we have faced as a local authority. Our vision is underpinned by our strategic priorities. There are five outward focused priorities:

- Safe, Strong Communities
- Enriching Lives
- Right Homes, Right Place
- Keeping the Borough Moving
- A Clean Green Borough

Additionally, there are two inward focused enablers:

- Being the best we can be
- Changing the way we work for you

These set our ambition to continuously improve, whilst effectively and proactively meeting the needs of our communities. This Annual Review sets out how we have risen to the challenge of Covid-19 and how we have made progress towards these priorities during 2020/21. It documents our achievement in the face of adversity.

The report can be found attached in appendix A
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION
The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Nil	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Nil	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Nil	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
N/A

Cross-Council Implications

Public Sector Equality Duty
Please confirm that due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been taken and if an equalities assessment has been completed or explain why an equalities assessment is not required.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
N/A

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