

TITLE	Council Plan 2014-17 Update
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	The Executive on 28 January 2016
WARD	None specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Council Plan Update provides a clear and concise review of the progress that has been made towards delivering the Council's Vision, Priorities and Principles since the publication of the Council Plan 2014-17. This allows residents to see how the Council is progressing against its Plan, and shows where improvements have already been made, and the impacts and benefits associated with work undertaken on the Key Actions. To show the continual development of the Council, synopses of what can be expected over the next 12 months have been included, and any new actions that have been developed since the adoption of the Council Plan 2014-17 have been noted.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive approves the Update to the Council Plan.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Update is the first document of its sort that the Council has created; it outlines the progress that has been made towards achieving the key actions of the Council's service delivery as set out in the Council Plan 2014-2017.

The document is split into a chapter on the "Vision, Principles and Priorities" of the Council, and "Key Actions". The former intends to give a high level overview on how our Vision and Principles have informed the Council's work, with tangible examples to highlight this. The second chapter presents each Key Action, as set out in the Council Plan 2014-17, with what we said we would achieve by 2017 alongside three columns: "...So we did", "What's next?" and "New Actions" to give a full insight into what has been achieved so far, and what is part of a forward plan.

Background

The Council Plan 2014-17 set out the key actions that would contribute towards the delivery of the Council's Vision, Principles and Priorities over a period of three years. It was approved by the Executive in September 2014;

The Council Plan Report highlights how the delivery of key actions since the Council Plan 2014-17 was adopted have impacted the residents of Wokingham Borough. This has been done by providing figures where relevant to present the progress in a meaningful style for residents.

The Annual Report is appended to this report.

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	Yes	
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Nil	Yes	
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

The specific financial information for achieving the key aims within the Council Plan are outlined in other reports considered by The Executive.

Cross-Council Implications

Further achievement and success will require a renewed collaborative approach across all Council services, and with wider partners and stakeholders, in order that our shared focus is at all times on the outcomes we seek for our residents and communities, and on delivering the best value for Council Tax payers.

List of Background Papers

Council Plan 2014-2017

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