

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 2023/064

Committee:-	Council
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Report Title:-	Corporate Plan 2024 onwards
Wards Affected:-	All

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the draft corporate plan

**2. Recommendations**

**Council is recommended** to agree the draft corporate plan attached as a statement of its objectives and plans for the coming year and beyond.

**3. Information**

3.1. The Finance and Governance Committee at its last meeting endorsed the attached draft of the corporate plan and it is submitted here for approval as the Council's statement of purpose, objectives and policies and as the basis for its priorities and work programme from early 2024 onwards. It is a reflection of the budget and the budget is a reflection of the plan.

3.2. The plan attached as Appendix One follows the format of previous plans, but shows new text in red. It aims to report on activity in the last one or two years as well as show the Council's plans for the coming year and more. The plan is intended to cover the Council's objectives over the medium term, but mainly concentrates on the next

twelve months, as set out in the action plan at the end. The action plan will be monitored by the Finance and Governance Committee at each meeting.

- 3.3. The draft budget on pages 18-21 of the plan has been slightly amended since the meeting in October, to reflect changes in cost estimates for town centre planting schemes and other costs, and decisions by committees in respect of their service areas. The net impact is to increase the potential precept by £1000 to £491,000.
- 3.4. Subject to Council's decision to make any further changes, as a result of the budget consultation responses, this plan will be formally adopted when the precept is fixed at the January meeting.

#### **4. Consultation and Engagement**

The draft plan has been available as part of the budget consultation carried out from October-December, and was considered by the Finance and Governance Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

#### **5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications**

The corporate plan is an integral part of the budget making process.

#### **6. Climate change implications**

The plan sets out the council's climate change objectives and action plans

#### **7. Policy Implications**

The plan sets out the totality of the Council's policies and priorities.

#### Background Papers

None