

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR DECISION

Item No:- 21/121

Committee:-	COUNCIL
Date:-	19 th January 2022
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Report Title:-	CORPORATE PLAN
Wards Affected:-	All

1. Purpose of Report

To approve the Corporate Plan for 22/23 onwards

2. Recommendations

The Council is recommended to approve the Corporate Plan as set out in Appendix A below, and/or to make any changes following on from the comments below.

3. Information

- 3.1 At its last meeting, the Council approved the draft corporate plan for consultation, alongside the budget. The consultation responses are reported in a separate report on this agenda. Essentially, most respondents supported the direction and scope of the plan, but made a number of further comments, :-

PRIORITIES

- **more emphasis on improving the health of the town centre** - this is addressed within the plan so members' views on further detail are requested
- **more emphasis on integration of Hanwood Park with the rest of Kettering** – the Council does have a place allocated on the – as yet unconstituted - community trust which will be one way of making linkages with resident groups. If members agree, focusing grant monies, events and other

initiatives on this part of town can also help improve links between the new and older parts of Kettering.

- **More emphasis on sustainable travel including issues drawn from the recent consultation on the LCWIP such as cycle parking .** The LCWIP is referenced in the plan and the budget for community infrastructure will allow the Council to respond to some particular service requests

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

- **The Town Council acting as a hub, particularly for the voluntary and community sectors, for example keeping a register of all groups, providing advice on external funding opportunities.** To a large extent this is what the voluntary sector network is for and this is part funded by NNC, and the Town Council is represented on it. The Town Council is also a member of the Kettering Futures Partnership which has overlapping interests with this area of activity.
- **Collaborative work with other town councils** – this is already happening
- **Building strong relationships with groups throughout the town.** The section on engagement does address this and outlines how various mechanisms can be used to best effect, but further detail can be provided if members think it is worth emphasising these points.
- **Youth engagement** – this could be added in to the engagement section if members agree.
- **Developing a baseline against which to measure success and identifying success factors** - - this would require some outlay on engagement time which is not currently reflected in the budget and could vary significantly from one budget item to another. The Council has agreed that the Finance and Governance Committee should monitor the action plan and in doing so, it could consider how to measure success against most action points.

4. Consultation and Engagement

As set out above and in the separate report

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The corporate plan reflects the budget and vice versa.

6. Policy Implications

Future decisions by the Council will be guided by the corporate plan.

Background Papers

Consultation responses

Previous reports at Council and Finance and Governance Ctte

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