



## **Corporate Overview Group**

**Tuesday, 4 June 2024**

### **Annual Update on Strategic Tasks**

## **Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. The Council adopted a new Corporate Strategy for 2024-2027 in December 2023. This Strategy contains twelve strategic tasks that the Council is committed to delivering.
- 1.2. Full Council requested that scrutiny oversee the delivery of the Strategy and its action plan over the next four years.
- 1.3. The Corporate Overview Group reviewed the strategic tasks in draft form in November 2023 in the form of the Corporate Strategy Action Plan. The tasks have been developed further and are presented to the Group to enable them to have a better understanding of what the tasks are expected to deliver. This will enable the Group to review progress more effectively against delivery over the next four years in the form of an annual progress report as requested by Corporate Overview Group in February 2023.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Corporate Overview Group:

- a) considers the strategic task appraisals included in Appendix A;
- b) requests that an update on progress against the delivery of the strategic tasks be reported back in summer 2025.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

The Council's Corporate Strategy is the key document which sets the direction of travel for the Council, highlighting its key priorities and the strategic tasks it is going to undertake over the next four years to deliver upon these priorities. It is essential that these strategic tasks are understood, and that Councillors are able to review progress to ensure the Council is delivering on its commitments set out in the Corporate Strategy.

### **4. Supporting Information**

- 4.1. The Corporate Strategy 2024-2027 sets out the Council's four priorities for the next four years: The Environment, Quality of Life, Efficient Services and

Sustainable Growth. These priorities are supported by twelve Strategic Tasks which the Council is committed to delivering.

- 4.2. Future reports to this Group will be to update on progress against the delivery of these Strategic Tasks. However, as we are less than six months into delivery of the four-year strategy, the purpose of this report is to provide Councillors with more detail about the tasks and what they are expected to deliver or achieve. This will enable Councillors to better scrutinise performance when a progress report is presented in summer 2025.
- 4.3. Each strategic task is presented in Appendix A with a task appraisal, which outlines what the task is, what the key milestones are and what the expected outputs are.

## **5. Risks and Uncertainties**

There are no risks and uncertainties directly tied to the content of this report. The Council could choose not to review progress towards its strategic tasks but this is not good practice and could result in the Corporate Strategy not being delivered for the benefit of the Borough.

## **6. Implications**

### **6.1. Financial Implications**

The priorities and tasks contained within the Corporate Strategy are incorporated into the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and Transformation Plan which are approved by Full Council.

### **6.2. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

### **6.3. Equalities Implications**

There are no equalities implications associated with this report.

### **6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications**

There are no crime and disorder impacts connected to the content of this report.

### **6.5. Biodiversity Net Gain Implications**

There are no biodiversity net gain implications directly associated with this report. However, biodiversity net gain is a key element of the Environment theme in the Corporate Strategy 2024-2027 and is prominently reflected in the strategic task 'Implement the Environment Act' commitments.

## 7. Link to Corporate Priorities

The Environment	The twelve Strategic Tasks each directly support one of these four priorities.
Quality of Life	
Efficient Services	
Sustainable Growth	

## 8. Recommendations

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- a) considers the strategic task appraisals included in Appendix A;
- b) requests that an update on progress against the delivery of the strategic tasks be reported back by summer 2025.

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix A – Strategic Task Appraisals