

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject:	Corporate Plan 2012-15 Update
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Key Decision:	No
Part:	I

Purpose of the report:

This report sets out our update against the Corporate Plan 2012-15. In July 2012, the council set out a declaration to become a brilliant co-operative council – to put people in control of their own communities and the services they receive. We've made real progress around changing the organisation to rise to that challenge and in this report have set out the steps we will take in 2013/14 to being co-operative and engaging with our communities around the co-design and co-production of services. The report sets out how we will transform how we work to exceed customer expectations and puts customers at the heart of everything we do

We knew last year that the council faced enormous challenges in terms of the economic crisis, government cuts and increased demand for services. In this report we've charted many of the projects that have been completed or underway to ensure that citizens get the best possible deal. We are working with partners in the private sector and in neighbouring councils to get people into work and apprenticeships and through the development of the City Deal we aim to position Plymouth as the principal economic hub of the South West. Through adult social care transformation we have overhauled services to give vulnerable people greater control of the help that they need.

In May 2012 we set out 100 pledges to make a difference to everyday lives in Plymouth. In less than nine months we've already delivered 31 with many more nearing completion. Each pledge marks how we are working differently with citizens and partners to provide services that people value.

Looking forward to the year ahead the report acknowledges the pressures the council and the city will face. Welfare reform is expected to cost the city millions of pounds and result in less income to families that most need help. We are supporting vulnerable families, making sure they have the full facts about reductions and advice and guidance to help them prepare for the cuts. That's why the council is continuing to push on the Growth agenda – we will continue to invest in capital projects and know that the most sustainable support we can give to our communities is financial independence and jobs paid at a living wage.

Corporate Plan 2012-2015:

As an update report this paper confirms progress against the corporate plan and confirms the agenda for 2013-2015.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

This is a key strategic document that is an integral part of the suite of policy and budget setting documents and builds on the direction set out in the Corporate Plan 2012-2015. Detailed implications are included within other elements of the suite.

Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:

This report sets out the overarching direction for the council and includes a précis of major upcoming challenges including welfare reform and the broader economy

Equality and Diversity

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No

This is an overview and update report and confirms the overall direction of travel for the council. An EIA will be undertaken when the plan is fully refreshed later this year.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. notes the “Corporate Plan 2012-15 An Update” as it sets out the priorities to be a brilliant co-operative council;
2. Recommends to Full Council to note the “Corporate Plan 2012-15 An Update” and its implications on the revenue and capital budget

Alternative options considered and rejected:

A full corporate plan refresh was considered however it was agreed that the sequence for corporate plan development be amended to come in line with other critical developments. A full corporate plan refresh is scheduled for July 2013 to cover the period 2014-2017.

This update against the Corporate Plan 2012-15 was seen as appropriate for acknowledging progress against agreed priorities and clarifying strategic direction for 2013-15 – the remaining period.

Published work / information:

Links to Corporate Plan 2012-15 <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/corporateplan.htm>
And Budget 2013/14 (also published with this agenda)

Background papers:

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
None										

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Originating SMT Member Giles Perritt													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													