

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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**Title:** The draft Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Business Plan 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22

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## Recommendation

To consider and comment on the draft Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Business Plan 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22, including the draft financial and saving proposals contained within it.

## Summary

Bristol City Council launched its draft five-year Corporate Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan, along with a draft one-year 2017/18 Business Plan on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Each Scrutiny Commission will consider their relevant Business Plan sections at the Scrutiny meetings in October and November 2016. Scrutiny of the Corporate Strategy will be managed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.



## **Context**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will consider the overarching budget proposals and the consultation process. Individual Scrutiny Committees will examine the Business Plan proposals related to their directorate areas.
2. These Business Plan sections contain a one-year plan and a five-year summary of anticipated savings made as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22.
3. They set out the vision, challenges, objectives, finances and outcomes for each theme. The themes span Our Future – Education and Skills, Our Health and Wellbeing, Homes, Our Transport, Neighbourhoods, People, Place and Finance, governance and performance.
4. Bristol City Council launched a consultation on all of the documents on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This will last for 12 weeks, closing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017.

## **Next Steps**

1. Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will consider the Corporate Strategy 2017 – 2022 at its meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
2. The draft proposals will be presented to Cabinet in January. This meeting is currently planned for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January but may be moved to Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.
3. The final draft proposals prepared following consultation and if approved at Cabinet will be presented to Full Council on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017.

## **Financial Implications**

1. There will be financial implications for the council and these will be detailed by theme within the Business Plan section(s) to follow.

## **Legal Implications**

1. In accordance with the Councils Treasury Management Strategy, the Council (through its S151 officer) is required to produce a 3 year medium term financial plan and an annual budget (complying with relevant statutory and regulatory requirements). In accordance with good practice the Council will be consulting on its proposals, including with the relevant scrutiny committees.

## **Public Sector Equality Duties**

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”:

age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to -
  - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
  - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
  - tackle prejudice; and
  - promote understanding.

5b) The Scrutiny function plays an important part in assisting the Council in meeting its public sector equality duties and ensuring that the views of different communities and members of the public are taken into account in the development and delivery of services. Scrutiny work streams need to ensure that assessments of equalities impacts are an integral part of their work both in terms of scoping topics, gathering evidence and formulating recommendations.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – The draft Corporate Strategy 2017-2022, Business Plan 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

Background Papers: None.