

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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Report of the Interim Head of Paid Service

**COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021
(Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider and approve the Authority's Council Plan 2017-2021.

2. Information and Analysis

The draft Council Plan 2017-2021, attached at Appendix A, has been drawn up to set the strategic direction for the Council's work over the next four years. The Plan outlines the Council's ambition, values and the overarching outcomes for Derbyshire that the Authority will work towards with partners and local people. The Plan also outlines the priorities the Council will focus on during 2017-18 to contribute towards these outcomes. These priorities are:

- Work efficiently and effectively
- Unlock economic growth and access to economic opportunities
- Invest in employment and skills
- Repair and improve the condition of Derbyshire roads
- Improve accessibility in vulnerable and rural communities
- Improve social care
- Transform services for people with learning disabilities
- Keep children and adults safe
- Be a good corporate parent for children in our care
- Help children and young people get the best start
- Encourage healthy lifestyles
- Champion local communities
- Support local library services
- Protect local people and communities
- Promote Derbyshire as a global cultural and tourist destination
- Protect and enhance the natural environment

Commitments, which summarise the actions the Council will take to make progress on each priority, are also included in the Plan.

Consultation

A draft of the Council Plan was approved for consultation by Cabinet on 20 July 2017. The draft was published on the Council's website and supported by a press release, website publicity and the Council's internal newsletter, to encourage comments from members of the public and employees. The draft Plan was also circulated to over 60 key stakeholders, representing the voluntary and community, health, police, education and public and business sectors.

The consultation period, which ran from 20 July 2017 to 1 September 2017 received 52 responses. Twelve responses were received from the following partner organisations:

- Amber Valley Council for Voluntary Service
- Chesterfield Borough Council
- Chesterfield College
- Chesterfield Canal Trust Ltd
- Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service
- Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network
- Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
- East Midlands Chamber
- Fritchley Community Association
- Heanor and Loscoe Town Council
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- South Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service

The remaining 40 responses were from local residents and/or employees. Changes to the Council Plan, to reflect the comments received, have now been made.

Throughout the consultation process, comments have been circulated to departments, where appropriate and these have also helped shape the refreshed departmental Service Plans which are to be considered by Council at this meeting. A list of all the comments resulting from the Council Plan consultation, together with the Council's response, will be published on the Council's website.

Implementing the Council Plan

Departmental Service Plans will outline how each department will contribute to and deliver the outcomes, priorities and commitments set out in the Council Plan.

Measures which will help the Council to monitor achievement of the Council Plan outcomes have also been identified, and these will be monitored and reported through the Council's performance management system. The Council Plan will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure that it continues to reflect the ambitions and priorities of the Council.

3. Crime and Disorder Considerations

The Plan contains priorities to protect local people and communities and to encourage healthy lifestyles.

4. Financial, Human Resources and Property Considerations

Considerations around delivering significant budget savings, attracting and retaining staff with the required skills, and making the best use of the Council's properties and land are included in the Council Plan.

5. Environmental Considerations

The Council's aim to work with other public services to enhance the physical environment is included in the Council Plan outcomes.

6. Social value and Equality of Opportunity

The Council's ambitions to enhance the wellbeing of individuals and communities, and to promote equality and diversity have been embedded throughout the Council Plan.

7. Transport Considerations

Considerations around maintaining the county's roads, ensuring road and rail infrastructure support the Council's plans for economic growth, and sustainable travel have been included in the Council Plan.

8. Other considerations

In preparing this report, the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal and human rights.

9. Background Papers

Files and supporting papers held in the Policy and Research Division, Chief Executive's Office.

10. Officer's Recommendation

That the Authority's Council Plan 2017-2021 be approved.

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