

Report of: Chief Executive

To: Executive Board

Date: 8th October 2007

Item No:

Title of Report : Draft Corporate Plan 2008 -2011

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: This report explains the rationale behind the draft Corporate Plan for 2008 –2011 and provides a conceptual version for discussion.

Key decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Cllr John Goddard

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance

Board(s) affected: All

Report Approved by: Lindsay Cane (Legal)
Sarah Fogden (Finance)

Policy Framework: None

Recommendation(s):

1. Executive Board is asked to agree the conceptual version of this plan and the timetable involved. Members will be able to comment in detail on a draft at a later stage.

Background and context

1 The Corporate Plan clearly sets out our vision and priorities for the medium term in conjunction with the budget. It provides the context for the Council's operations and is the document from which all others flow. Together with the budget, this document sets out the framework for the Council's decisions over the next year.

2 We have built on the successes of last year's Oxford Plan, which received praise in several audits for its simplicity.

3 The proposed corporate plan will explain:

- How the council works
- Our key achievements
- Our priorities

- How we work with our partners
 - The performance management framework
 - Our spending plans.
- 4 The corporate plan will outline the council's 6 priorities, and align budget and short / medium term outcomes. The council priorities remain the same:
- Reduce inequality through social inclusion
 - More housing for Oxford, better housing for all
 - Improve the local environment, economy and quality of life
 - Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Tackle climate change and promote environmental resources management
 - Be an effective and responsive organisation, providing value for money services
- 5 The detail for the priority outcomes for 2008/09 and by 2011 will be considered and challenged by a citizen's jury. The jury will be part of the budget consultation process and will be representative of Oxford's diverse population.
- 6 The plan takes into consideration the white paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' released in October 2006, which details proposals for the reform of local government with focus on partnerships.
- 7 The timetable is linked to the budget consultation and reporting schedule:
- Oct – Conceptual corporate plan out for discussion
 - Nov – Citizens Jury
 - Jan – Executive Board
 - Feb – Full Council

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Background papers: None

