

To: City Executive Board

Date: 9 February 2017

Report of: Scrutiny Committee

Title of Report: Annual Update Report on the Corporate Plan 2016-2020

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To present the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on the Corporate Plan update report.

Scrutiny Lead Member: Councillor Andrew Gant, Chair of Scrutiny

Executive lead member: Councillor Bob Price, Council Leader and Board Member for Corporate Strategy and Economic Development

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Committee to the City Executive Board:

That the City Executive Board states whether it agrees or disagrees with the recommendation set out in the body of this report.

Background

1. The Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the Corporate Plan update report at a meeting on 30 January 2017. The Committee would like to thank Caroline Green (Assistant Chief Executive) for attending the meeting to present the report and answer questions.

Findings and recommendations

2. The Assistant Chief Executive said that the Corporate Plan had previously been rewritten each year. This year the report provided a progress update that set out key things that had been achieved as well as priorities for the year ahead, reflecting the draft budget proposals. The Committee commented that the format and content of the report were very good and useful and that it demonstrated the substantive achievements the council had made.
3. The Committee noted that some of the key achievements had not happened yet and that priorities for next year were subject to a budget that had not yet been

agreed. The Committee also commented that the number of new homes unlocked by the Northern Gateway development (given as 900) also included new homes at the Oxpens development and that this should be made clear. The Assistant Chief Executive said that a final accuracy check would take place and that numbers for year-end would be provided against the success measures in the final version, rather than a projected outcome of achieved or exceeded (no corporate success measures were expected to be missed).

4. The Committee commented that the report gave the impression that the council had funded or delivered certain schemes in isolation when in fact these had been achieved in partnership with other bodies (e.g. the council had contributed £200k towards an £800k scheme to refurbish Cutteslowe Park Lower Pavilion). The Committee suggest that clarity should be provided where the council has funded or delivered schemes in partnership with voluntary groups and other organisations, as the recognition of their time and efforts can go a long way.

Recommendation 1 – That the report makes it clearer where the council’s key achievements have been funded or delivered in partnership with voluntary groups and other organisations.

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