


## REPORT TO SELECT COMMITTEE FOR POLICY REVIEW

**12 September 2017**

<b>Subject:</b>	Framework for Policy Assessment
<b>Director:</b>	Executive Director – Resources – Darren Carter
<b>Contribution towards Vision 2030:</b>	
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### **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **That the Select Committee for Policy Review:**

1. agrees the list of key Council policies and strategies for assessment;
2. discusses and agrees a framework for assessing current Council policies and strategies;
3. requests the Executive Director – Resources to use the agreed Framework for Policy Assessment to assess and score each of the policies and strategies identified in 1. Above and report the findings to the next meeting of the Select Committee.

## **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 1 August 2017 the Select Committee for Policy Review received an update on the Council’s recently agreed Vision 2030. Following the discussion it was agreed that the Committee would, at its meeting in September, design and agree a framework to assess the Council’s policies. A list of key Council policies and strategies will be presented at the meeting.
- 1.2 The Committee is now invited to discuss the contents of such a framework, which can then be used to score the current Council policies and strategies to assist the Committee in prioritising its programme of work.

## **2 IMPLICATION FOR THE COUNCIL'S AMBITION**

- 2.1 The work of the Select Committee for Policy Review is strongly centred around the Council's ambitions, with the intended outcome of ensuring the authority's key strategies and policies support and reinforce the ambitions.

## **3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Through the development of a framework for policy assessment it will be possible to assess and score key strategy and policy documents to allow the Select Committee to develop a work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. The framework will provide the Committee with an informed method of prioritising its workload.

## **4 THE CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The Council has a range of key strategies and policies. These are typically multi-year documents and as such may not reflect the current Vision or recent developments such as the establishment of the West Midlands Combined Authority.
- 4.2 The Committee has been tasked by the Council with reviewing these documents to ensure they support the Vision for the borough.

## **5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**

- 5.1 Consultation on the Council's strategies and policies is undertaken during the review process as each document is refreshed.

## **6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 If the Council does not take the opportunity to ensure its key strategies and policies reflect the Vision and other recent developments then the ambitions set out in the Vision would be undermined through a lack of strategic support.

## **7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Any financial or resource-related implications of individual strategies and policies will be investigated and reported when the documents are revised and submitted to the Cabinet.

## **8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The legal and regulatory implications of individual strategies and policies will be considered and reported when each document is revised and submitted for approval to the Cabinet.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 9.1 When each document is reviewed they will be the subject of equality impact assessments to ensure that there is no adverse effect on any disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.

## **10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 10.1 Robust assessments will be carried out as documents are reviewed to ensure compliance with all relevant legislation, codes and guidance relating to aspects of information governance.

## **11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- 11.1 Any crime and disorder or risk matters will be assessed throughout the review process for each key strategy and policy.

## **12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS**

- 12.1 The work of the Select Committee following the development of the Framework will assist the Council to build a refreshed, relevant and sustainable suite of key policies and strategies.

## **13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)**

- 13.1 Any health and wellbeing implications will be assessed throughout the review process for each of the Council's key strategies and policies.

## **14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND**

- 14.1 Where policies and strategies may have an impact on any Council managed property or land this will be investigated and included in the relevant review process.

**15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

15.1 In order for the Committee to prioritise its work programme of key policies and strategies it is important for it to agree a Framework for Policy Assessment.

**16 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**17 APPENDICES**

None

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