


## REPORT TO SELECT COMMITTEE FOR POLICY REVIEW

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### **DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

1. consider the completed assessment framework for key Council policies and strategies;
2. discuss and agree a prioritised list of policies and strategies to consider in further detail which will form a work programme for the Select Committee.

#### **1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 12 September 2017 the Select Committee for Policy Review agreed a framework to assess the Council's key policies and strategies, as identified by the Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee is now invited to consider the completed framework, which can then be used by 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 using the assessment framework, the Committee will be equipped with an informed method of prioritising its workload for the remainder of the municipal year.

## **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. The policy assessment framework was designed to allow the Committee to prioritise individual key documents within this wider piece of work.

## **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 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 utilise the Framework for Policy Assessment which was previously agreed and has now been completed.

16 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

17 **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Policy Assessment Framework

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