

**CABINET
5 FEBRUARY 2015**

AGENDA ITEM:

POLICY FRAMEWORK

Cabinet Member Cllr C J Eginton
Responsible Officer Chief Executive

Reason for Report: To endorse the Policy Framework for the year.

RECOMMENDATION(S): To recommend to Council that the Policy Framework be adopted.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: An efficient and effective policy framework helps provide the infrastructure to deliver the corporate plan

Financial Implications: None arising from this report

Legal Implications: The report is required by the constitution

Risk Assessment: Not updating the strategic policies of the Council would result in policies not being aligned to corporate objectives and an inefficient use of resources.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Policy Framework consists of both statutory documents that have to be adopted or approved by the Council as well as locally determined policies and strategies that form an integral part of the decision making process and their subsequent implementation.
- 1.2 A list of Strategies and Policies covered by the Framework is attached at Annex 1.
- 1.3 It is recommended that these Strategies and Policies be formally approved as the Council's Policy Framework in accordance with the Constitution so far as they still apply and are relevant.
- 1.4 As new policies are approved by Council they will automatically be added to the Policy Framework.

2.0 Way Forward

- 2.1 Under the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, the Cabinet will be responsible for the implementation of the Budget and Policy Framework.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report therefore is to inform the Cabinet of their role in the implementation of the budget and policy framework highlighting to the Scrutiny Committee, Audit Committee and Policy Development Groups its work for the coming year.

- 2.3 The table therefore covers all strategic rather than operational policies and highlights those which are for Cabinet only approval and those which require full Council approval.

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