

**CABINET**  
**7 FEBRUARY 2023**

**POLICY FRAMEWORK**

**Cabinet Member(s):** Councillor R M Deed - Leader  
**Responsible Officer:** Stephen Walford – Chief Executive

**Reason for Report:** To endorse the Policy Framework

**Recommendation:** To recommend to Council that the Policy Framework be adopted.

**Financial Implications:** None arising from this report.

**Budget and Policy Framework:** This report outlines the Council's Policy Framework.

**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.

**Equality Impact Assessment:** There are no concerns with regard to equalities impact relating to the content of this report.

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

**Impact on Climate Change:** Several policies within the Policy Framework have a direct link to climate change.

**1.0 Introduction/Background**

**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 Appendix 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, and highlighting to the Scrutiny Committee, Audit Committee and Policy Development Groups its work for the coming year.
- 2.3** The Policy Framework 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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**Circulation of the Report:** Cabinet Members and Leadership Team