

Eden District Council

Executive
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Council
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Council Plan - Amendments to Strategic Actions in 2016-2017

Reporting Officer: Chief Executive

Responsible Portfolio: Leader

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to approve amendments to the strategic actions in the Council Plan for 2016-2017.

2 Recommendation:

<p>The amendments to strategic actions in the Council Plan (as detailed in the table in 3.2 in this report) are approved for 2016-2017.</p>

3 Report Details

- 3.1 The Council Plan 2015-2019 was approved and adopted at a meeting of Council on 17 September 2015. It contains a number of high level objectives and strategic actions, aimed at delivering the Council's four priorities. These objectives and strategic actions are repeated in the Council's six portfolio plans, where they are supported by specific delivery actions and targets.
- 3.2 In reviewing the portfolio plan 2015-2016 outturns, one new and an amended strategic action have been identified by the portfolio holders and lead officers, in response to emerging and changing circumstances and needs. These are shown in the table below and will be incorporated into the relevant portfolio plans for 2016-2017. They are both in conformity with and will assist in delivering the Council's priorities and objectives.

Amendments to Strategic Actions in the Council Plan in 2016-2017

Strategic Action in 2016-2017	Original wording of Strategic Action (in 2015-2016)	Priority	Portfolio
Amended DH4a: Deliver the Housing Assistance Policy in respect of Disabled Facilities Grants and Decent Homes Assistance.	Deliver our Housing Assistance Policy, including Disabled Facilities Grants, Decent Homes Assistance and also energy efficiency measures by working with ECO (Energy Company Obligation) and Green Deal providers.	Decent Homes for All	Housing and Health
New QC2b: Improve the Council's engagement with Members and the public.	Not applicable (new action)	Quality Council	Resources

3.3 A number of delivery actions and targets have been developed under the amended strategic actions and these can be found in the relevant portfolio plans for 2016-2017, to be approved at the June portfolio meetings.

3.4 The amendments to the strategic actions will be incorporated as an addendum to the published version of the Council Plan, in the form of a printed sheet inserted into the document. The internal numbered version will be amended.

3.5 All other strategic actions in the Council Plan are still relevant and are to remain in the document; none are to be deleted in 2016-2017.

4 Policy Framework

4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Decent Homes for All
- Strong Economy, Rich Environment
- Thriving Communities
- Quality Council

4.2 The Council Plan is the Council's core policy document and sets out the priorities generated by the Council, the public and key stakeholders.

5 Implications

5.1 Legal

- 5.1.1 There could potentially be legal implications if some actions in the Council Plan are not delivered or fail to recognise and address the impacts on Protected Characteristic groups (under the Equality Act 2010). It is therefore important that a robust monitoring arrangement is in place, to ensure actions are delivered and targets are met.

5.2 Financial

- 5.2.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-2019 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.
- 5.2.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

5.3 Equality and Diversity

- 5.3.1 The Council has to have regard to the elimination of unlawful discrimination and harassment and the promotion of equality under the Equality Act 2010 and related statutes.
- 5.3.2 The Council Plan must satisfy the Public Sector Equality Duty and this has been achieved through the production of an Equality Impact Assessment and through extensive consultation. The new strategic action under consideration in this report is aimed at improving accessibility to services and inclusion in local democracy.

5.4 Environmental

- 5.4.1 The Council has to have due regard to conserving bio-diversity under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.
- 5.4.2 There are no biodiversity or sustainability issues arising from this report.

5.5 Crime and Disorder

- 5.5.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has to have regard to the need to reduce crime and disorder in exercising any of its functions.
- 5.5.2 There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

5.6 Children

- 5.6.1 Under the Children Act 2004 the Council has to have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the exercise of any of its functions.
- 5.6.2 The needs of children and young people are addressed in the Council Plan under the theme of 'Thriving Communities.'

5.7 Risk Management

- 5.7.1 Risk Management is a process whereby attempts are made to identify, actively control and reduce risk to protect the council. This covers not only

the traditional areas of insurable risk but also the organisational risk that the council faces in undertaking all its activities.

- 5.7.2 The Council Plan details the entire strategic focus of the Council and is subject to significant public, Member and officer consultation and scrutiny. Failure to make progress against the Plan could damage the Council's reputation. Risks are minimised through regular monitoring and a biannual monitoring scheme is in place.

6 Reasons for decision/recommendation

- 6.1 To ensure the Council's policy framework (Council Plan and portfolio plans) remains relevant and reflects the changing needs and aspirations of Eden's communities.

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Governance Checks:

Checked by or on behalf of the Chief Finance Officer	✓
Checked by or on behalf of the Monitoring Officer	✓

Background Papers:

Council Plan 2015-2019

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