

FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Corporate Plan – Annual Delivery Document 2016/17

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. This report introduces the Corporate Plan – Annual Delivery Document for 2016/17 (Appendix A), which sets out our Improvement Objectives (Priority Areas) for the year. We are required to publish this as soon as practicable after the 1st April 2016.
- 1.2. Our annual delivery document is for the final year of our current Corporate Plan, with a recent consultation exercise and the latest annual performance report both reconfirming our improvement objectives for this final year.
- 1.3. The introduction of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 means that the local authority will need to begin work on new wellbeing objectives for Merthyr Tydfil for 2017 and beyond.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan – Annual Delivery Document 2016 – 2017 be approved.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 National Context

It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 that local authorities secure continuous improvement in the exercise of their functions by identifying our improvement priorities.

3.2 In accordance with Part 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, our corporate plan – annual delivery document provides a description of our plans to achieve our improvement objectives (priority areas) and secure continuous improvement.

3.3 Annual Delivery Document

The publication of our annual delivery document and our commitment to its successful delivery will help secure continuous improvement. The document explains what the council will deliver, or contribute to the delivery of, during the year to support each priority area. These may be existing activities or projects, or they may be the development of new projects or programmes designed to support the delivery of our priority areas.

3.4 Consultation

A consultation with the citizens of Merthyr Tydfil took place during January and February 2016. The consultation asked if citizens agreed that the current council priorities for 2015/16 should remain a priority for 2016/17.

3.5 The results of the consultation suggest that the corporate priorities should remain the same for the final year of the Corporate Plan. However, the recent introduction of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 means that the local authority will need to begin work on new wellbeing objectives for Merthyr Tydfil for 2017 and beyond.

4.0 ANNUAL DELIVERY DOCUMENT

4.1 A recent consultation exercise and the latest annual performance report both reconfirm those improvement objectives. In addition, we include a separate objective to make the transition from the current Corporate Plan (improvement objectives) to the new Wellbeing Objectives, which is the requirement of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

4.2 Improvement Objectives

Raising Standards

- Priority Area 1 – Raising standards of attainment

Improving Well-Being

- Priority Area 2 – Promoting Independence
- Priority Area 3 – Meeting the needs of vulnerable children
- Priority Area 4 – Active Lifestyles

Economic Growth

- Priority Area 5 – Economic Development
- Priority Area 6 – Employability

Developing a Sustainable Environment

- Priority Area 7 – A sustainable environment

Wellbeing of Future Generations

- The annual delivery document includes a work programme detailing the key what will take place to implement new wellbeing objectives in 2017.

- 4.3 The annual delivery document provides an update to the Corporate Plan based on national changes (new legislation), planned activities and lessons learnt from in year self-evaluations.
- 4.4 The main changes in this annual delivery document were because of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act. Changes to the performance measurement framework in social services meant amending some key indicators for Improving Wellbeing.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications within this report. All of the planned improvement activity identified in the corporate plan - annual delivery document 2016/17 will be resourced by the appropriate service within allocated budgets.
- 5.2 The budget allocations aligned to the Corporate Plan are detailed within the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The MTFP sets an understanding of the financial resource contribution to the priority areas planned for 2016/17.

6.0 SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT SUMMARY

- 6.1 The Corporate Plan provides the strategic framework for the Council in its improvement objectives. The improvement objectives align with the priority outcomes in the Single Integrated Plan. The individual projects developed to deliver against the Corporate Plan will need to have individual impact assessments to ensure they show a positive impact on supporting delivery of the priority outcomes in the Single Integrated Plan.

7.0 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time. The form can be accessed on the Council's website/intranet via the 'Equality Impact Assessment' link.

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COUNCILLOR BRENDAN TOOMEY
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Corporate Plan	2013-2017	Council documents
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.