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**CORPORATE PLAN 2021-2023 (UPDATED)**

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 The updated Corporate Plan 2021-2023 for East Cambridgeshire District Council

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Members are requested to:

- (i) approve the updated Corporate Plan set out in Appendix 1;
- (ii) note the completed actions and progress made during the past 12 months;
- (iii) instruct the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution (ref: Article 1 paragraph 1.05) to make necessary amendments to reflect the new Corporate Plan.

3.0 **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1 The updated Corporate Plan 2021-2023 sets out the Council priorities and details in Appendix 1 the commitments for 2021/22. The Corporate Plan will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis to Council.

3.2 There will be a requirement to make consequential amendments to Article 1 of the Constitution to reflect these new priorities.

4.0 **PROPOSALS**

4.1 The proposed updated Corporate Plan 2021-2023 is attached as Appendix 1. Paragraph 4.2 outlines the achievements of the Council in meeting its 2019-2021 commitments agreed by the Council on 17 October 2019 (ref: Agenda Item 9) and updated on 16 July 2020 (ref: Agenda Item 9).

4.2 The activities of the Council have been significantly affected by the COVID 19 pandemic, nevertheless the Council has maintained its focus on the delivery of its 2019/23 Corporate Plan. Significant progress has been made in 2020/21, specifically:

- Council Tax freeze in 2020/21 for the eighth consecutive year.
- ECTC and ECSS delivering its Business Plan commitments within the constraints of the pandemic, specifically but not exclusively delivery of homes

at Haddenham and Ely, continuation of key services including Refuse collection, Recycling, Street Cleansing, Ely Markets and Parks and Open Spaces.

- Positive engagement with the Combined Authority to deliver our priorities most notably, Soham Station and £100k homes.
- Adoption of Custom and Self Build, Climate Change and Natural Environment SPD.
- Meeting 15 pledges with the Environment Plan and significant progress towards the remaining 5.
- Lancaster Way roundabout completed.
- Working together to approve the 'New Bus Service Proposals for East Cambridgeshire' (Bus Prospectus) and identify 5 priority cycle routes across the district.
- Achieving Gold Standard for the Council housing service.
- Market Town Plans agreed for Ely, Littleport and Soham.

In addition, the Council administered COVID-19 Business Grants to 3,321 businesses totalling £21,015,981.

4.3 The Corporate Plan has been updated to reflect these achievements, responding to new challenges and reiterating previous commitments, specifically and notably:

- Reviewing the CIL infrastructure list to develop/improve (as matching funding for) community facilities across the District.
- Champion and promote to the Combined Authority and other partners the implementation of the Council's priority cycleways and the agreed Bus Prospectus.
- Continue with our campaign to ensure the completion of the dualling of the A10 from Ely to Cambridge with junction improvements, off road cycling provision and safe pedestrian crossing.
- Further develop and implement the Council's Housing priorities including more CLT's, adoption of £100k homes allocation policy, 'First Homes' local connection criteria and (subject to planning) exceeding 30% of affordable homes in MoD Phase 2 development.
- Implement the Council's Climate Change Strategy.
- Continue to support communities and businesses in their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Submit the planning application for a green, environmentally sustainable crematorium, natural burial site and pet cemetery in Mepal.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 Any financial implications arising from the implementation of the Corporate Plan, not included in the Council's agreed annual budget, will be subject to the formal Member process.

5.2 Equality Impact Assessment not required at this stage.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1: Draft Corporate Plan (Updated) 2021-2023 – circulated separately.

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**Background Documents**

Council 17 October 2019  
(Agenda Item 9)

Council 16 July 2020  
(Agenda Item 9)

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