

REPORT TO: Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 4 January 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Policy & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Business Plans 2012-2015

WARDS: Borough wide

1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. To provide an update on Business Planning for the period 2012-15 and to consider the Directorate priorities, objectives and targets for services for this period that fall within the remit of this Policy and Performance Board.

2. **RECOMMENDED: That**

- i. **The Board identifies any objectives and targets for the next three years that it wishes to see included in the Business Plans**
- ii **That Board Members pass any detailed comments that they may have on the attached information to the relevant Operational Director by 18th January 2012.**

3. **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Each Directorate of the Council is required to develop a medium term business plan, in parallel with the budget, that is subject to annual review and refresh.
- 3.2 PPB input to the business planning process and the setting of priorities for the Directorate is an important part of this process. Key Priorities for development or improvement in 2012-15 were agreed by Members on the 23rd November 2011 for the various functional areas reporting to this Policy & Performance Board.
- 3.3 Given the remit of the Environment & Urban Renewal PPB since the reconfiguration of Directorates in 2011, all Directorate Business Plans are attached to this report, relevant functions being reported as follows:
- Policy & Resources Directorate in respect of Highways & Transportation, Logistic and Transport management including Road Safety, Building Control and Contaminated Land.
 - Children and Enterprise Directorate in respect of Development & Investment Services supporting Economic Regeneration

- Communities Directorate in respect of Waste and Environmental Improvement, Open Spaces and Housing Strategy

which are now available for consideration by the Policy & Performance Board.

- 3.4 Draft Service Objectives and Performance Indicators and targets have been developed by each Department and this information is included within Appendices to the Directorate Plan. These departmental objectives and measures will form the basis of the quarterly performance monitoring received by the Board during the future year.
- 3.5 Comments additional to those made following the PPB meeting should be made to the relevant Operational Director by 18th January 2011 to allow inclusion in the draft business plan.
- 3.6 The draft Directorate Business Plan will be revised following member comments during January and will go to Executive Board for approval on 9th February 2012, at the same time as the draft budget. This will ensure that decisions on Business Planning are linked to resource allocation. All Directorate plans will be considered by full Council at the 7th March 2012 meeting.
- 3.7 It should be noted that plans can only be finalised once budget decisions have been confirmed in March and that some target information may need to be reviewed as a result of final outturn data becoming available post March 2012.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Business Plans form a key part of the Council's policy framework.
- 4.2 Elected member engagement would be consistent with the new "Best value guidance", announced in September 2011, to consult with the representatives of a wide range of local persons.
- 4.3 Plans also need to reflect known and anticipated legislative changes.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Directorate Plans will identify resource implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 The business planning process is the means by which we ensure that the six corporate priorities are built into our business plans and priorities, and thence cascaded down into team plans and individual action plans.
- 6.2 From 2012/13 it is proposed that with the introduction of the new performance framework Departmental Reports now be available to members via the intranet. Also priority based reports for each respective Policy & Performance Board be introduced, containing details stated within the Appendices of the Directorate Business plans

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Risk assessment will continue to form an integral element of Directorate Plan developments. This report mitigates the risk of members not being involved in the setting of service delivery objectives.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Those high priority actions that result from Impact Review and Assessment will be included within Directorate Plans and will continue to be monitored through Departmental Performance Monitoring Reports.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 There are no relevant background documents to this report.