

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet

Date: 9 September 2013

ITEM 7(c)

Title: Council Plan
2014-2018

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor
Deputy Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Norma
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Councillor Bruce
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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

- 1.1.1 At its meeting on 24 June 2013 Cabinet approved the process and timetable for the development of the Council Plan 2014-2018 "Our North Tyneside". The appendix provides a copy of the key dates during the development of the 2014-2018 Council Plans "Our North Tyneside".
- 1.1.2 Cabinet received a progress report on the development of the Plan at its meeting on the 12 August 2013, where Cabinet authorised the Strategic Manager (Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications) in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to consider feedback from the engagement exercise and to finalise the Council Plan 2014-2018 "Our North Tyneside" proposals for them to be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013, and then for approval by Cabinet on 9 September 2013, before submission to Council on 26 September 2013 for final approval.
- 1.1.3 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the progress to develop the 2014-2018 Council Plan "Our North Tyneside". A supplementary report will be provided for Cabinet on 9 September 2013 outlining the final proposals for the 2014-2018 Council Plan "Our North Tyneside" and including any comments and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet

- (1) note the progress made in relation to developing the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”;
- (2) authorise the Strategic Manager Policy, (Partnerships, Performance and Communications) in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the Council Plan proposals in the light of any comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013 and the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on 11 September 2013 in order for the Council Plan proposals to be presented to Council for approval on 26 September 2013.

1.3 Forward Plan:

28 days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 10 July 2013.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

The Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules are set out in Part 4.7 of the Authority’s Constitution, which covers the process for the preparation, consideration and final approval of plans and strategies in the Budget and Policy Framework.

1.5 Information:

- 1.5.1 In May 2013 the Borough of North Tyneside elected a new Mayor. The new Plan is being developed now to ensure that the Authority is working toward the priorities of the new administration. Developing the Plan at this stage will also provide the policy direction for the Financial Planning and Budget process for 2014/ 2015 and the following three years.
- 1.5.2 It is accepted that the Our North Tyneside Plan can not be delivered just by the Authority working on its own. It will need to be delivered in partnership with local people, communities, businesses and other local public sector and voluntary organisations. Both the Authority and North Tyneside Strategic Partnership have agreed that the Our North Tyneside Plan will replace the Sustainable Community Strategy in the future.

Initial proposals

- 1.5.3 The initial Our North Tyneside Plan proposals were based on an analysis of need for the Borough. This was developed using current performance information, views of local residents and by considering future trends, such as an ageing population and reduction in national government funding.
- 1.5.4 The initial priorities were tested with local people during three weeks of engagement during July 2013 and 83% agreed that the priorities made sense.

Final stages

- 1.5.5 The final proposals for the Our North Tyneside Plan 2014-2018 are being developed along with an action plan which will explain the actions that will be taken to deliver the Plan. The action plan will be updated each year.
- 1.5.6 The Elected Mayor and Cabinet's final proposals for the Our North Tyneside Plan 2014-2018 will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013.
- 1.5.7 A supplementary report will be provided for Cabinet on 9 September 2013 outlining the final proposals for the 2014-2018 Council Plan "Our North Tyneside and including any comments and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013.
- 1.5.8 The final proposals will also be presented to the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on 11 September 2013.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Cabinet

Option 1:

To authorise the Strategic Manager (Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications) in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the Council Plan proposals in the light of any comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2013 and the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on 11 September 2013 for them to be presented to Council for approval on 26 September 2013.

Option 2

Not authorise the Strategic Manager (Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications) in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor to finalise the Council Plan as set out in Option 1 above.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option 1 is the recommended option as this will enable the Council Plan 2014–2018 "Our North Tyneside" to be presented for final approval to Council on 26 September 2013.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix one: Key dates during the development of the Council Plan 2014-2018 "Our North Tyneside".

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

(1) Council Plan 2014 -2018 "Our North Tyneside" report to Cabinet 24 June 2013
[Report to Cabinet 24 June 2013](#)

(2) Council Plan 2014 -2018 "Our North Tyneside" report to Cabinet 12 August 2013
[Report to Cabinet 12 August 2013](#)

(3) The Authority's Constitution and Budget and Policy Framework Rules
[Hyperlink Constitution](#)

(4) State of the Area 2012 Event Report
[Event Report](#)

(5)North Tyneside Evidence Base to support the refresh of the Council Plan
[Hyperlink to Evidence Base](#)

(6)Residents Survey 2012
[Hyperlink to Residents Survey 2012](#)

(7)Residents' Panel May 2013
[Event report May 2013](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Costs in developing the 2014-2018 Council Plan "Our North Tyneside" and the engagement programme will be met from existing resources.

Once developed, the Council Plan 2014-2018 will provide the policy direction for the Financial Planning and Budget process for 2014/2015 and the following three years.

2.2 Legal

The process to develop the 2014 -2018 Council Plan "Our North Tyneside" has been prepared in compliance with the Policy Framework Procedure Rules contained in the Authority's Constitution.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

2.3.1 Internal Consultation

This report sets out the timetable for the development of the Council Plan. The engagement has included opportunities for employees from across the Authority to have their say in addition to

Elected Members. The draft Council Plan has been discussed with Cabinet and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement

Engagement on the draft priorities took place between 2 July 2013 and 21 July 2013. Authority staff spoke to approximately 600 people and there were over 1,400 hits on the information on the Authority's website.

2.4 Human rights

All actions and spending contained within the Council Plan will be fully compliant with Human Rights Law.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

In undertaking the development of a new Council Plan, our aim will at all times be to secure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and in particular the public sector equality duty under that Act.

An equality impact assessment has been conducted on the Council Plan Engagement programme.

2.6 Risk management

Individual projects to deliver the priorities in the Council Plan are subject to full risk reviews. For larger projects, individual project risk registers are / will be established as part of the Authority's agreed approach to project management. Risks will be entered into the appropriate Directorate or Corporate / Strategic Risk Register(s) and will be subject to ongoing management to reduce the likelihood and impact of each risk.

2.7 Crime and disorder

2.7.1 Individual proposals within this report do not themselves have direct implications for crime and disorder. However, ultimately decisions may be made and considered as part of the overall Financial Planning and Budget process.

2.7.2 Under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, local authorities have a statutory duty to work with partners on the reduction of crime and disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The Council Plan 2014-2018 "Our North Tyneside" will bring forward a number of priorities that will enhance and protect the environment.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Strategic Manager (Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications) X

**Appendix one: Key dates during the development of the Council Plan 2014-2018
“Our North Tyneside”**

Date	Event	Purpose
April		Development of Evidence Base for the Council Plan and assessment of relevant engagement.
24 June 2013	Cabinet	Cabinet approval for the process for the development of the 2014 -2018 Council Plan.
1 July 2013	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Overview and Scrutiny will examine Cabinet’s consultation proposals and timetable for the development of the 2014-2018 Council Plan “Our North Tyneside”.
2 July- 15 July 2013		Engagement on the Council Plan draft proposals.
12 August 2013	Cabinet	Cabinet considers its draft proposals for the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
2 September 2013	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Overview and Scrutiny consider Cabinet’s proposals for the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
9 September 2013	Cabinet	Cabinet approves its final proposals for the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
11 September 2013	NTSP Executive	The North Tyneside Strategic Partnership (NTSP) consider the draft Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”
26 September 2013	Council	Council to approve the Council Plan 2014 -2018 “Our North Tyneside”.