

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny

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**Title: Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget –
Implementation Plan**

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1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Committee with an update on changes to the Council Strategic Plan and 2012/13 Budget – Implementation Plan since the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2013.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is advised to consider the information provided in Appendix 1 and to refer any comments as necessary to Cabinet.

3. Details

At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3 December 2012 at which the Implementation Plan was presented, the Committee decided that they only wish to receive information on updates to the Implementation Plan since the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

4. Appendices

- Appendix 1 Revisions to the Implementation Plan since the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 February 2013.

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	Summary of proposals	2012/2013 Budget Implication £	Decision making	Current Position	Timescale for Implementation
1.	Budget and Council Plan Study Group to be abolished.		Council and O & S Committee who oversee the Budget and Council Plan process.	O & S Committee agreed at meeting of 1 October not to have a Budget and Council Plan Study Group and to replace it with a single extra meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2013 to consider Cabinet's draft proposals.	Completed on 4 February 2013.
8.	Delay the Business Package.	3,215 1,310 41,839 104,216 150,580	Cabinet is responsible for implementation of decisions. O & S will scrutinise.	No action.	Business package now implemented with effect from 1.11.2012.
17.	Defer expenditure for 12 months on ICT Strategy. (Capital Plan)	-600,000 capital reduction	Cabinet within their responsibility to manage the Capital Plan.	Cabinet to review in the light of proposal emerging from the Business Package.	Completed.
19.	Introduce a local procurement policy to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and create /support local employment opportunities. (Council Plan)		Cabinet can seek development of plans/strategies. Council can determine that the decision whether or not a plan or strategy (formulated by Cabinet) should be adopted or approved is to be taken by full Council.	Council can consider further. Cabinet has received a report on the current position and legal flexibility.	Cabinet to consider a new Procurement Strategy at its meeting on 11 March 2013.

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			Cabinet has responsibility for implementation of these.		
23.	Look for opportunities to expand our service delivery into the public and private sectors. (Council Plan)		Cabinet responsibility.	Cabinet agreed the creation of a trading company as a company limited by shares delegated authority to the Head of Legal, Governance and Commercial Services, in conjunction with the Strategic Director of Finance , the Elected Mayor and Cabinet Member for Finance to take the relevant steps to establish a trading Company and approved a process for appraising business opportunities.	With immediate effect. Trading Companies now established and Business Plan approved by Cabinet.
29.	Review the way we involve residents and businesses to involve greater numbers of our population. (Council Plan)		Matter for Cabinet as to whether to review how engagement is undertaken.	Ongoing. The recent Voice your Choice Budget Engagement exercise for 2013/14 has increased participation substantially.	Budget engagement completed.
58.	Remove apprenticeships (including Armed Forces return to employment).	-83,719	Cabinet decision.	Cabinet has agreed to implement their original proposal for 2012/13 with a particular emphasis on working with the Business partners Balfour Beatty and Capita Symonds.	Completed.
62.	Multiversity -The Council will provide appropriate infrastructure and support		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.

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	investment in buildings and seek endowments and collaborations between universities and companies in an innovative partnership ...(Council plan)			funding and agreed a way forward. In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the Learning Village. The recommendations of the Board will be reported to Cabinet.	
63.	The Multiversity will offer opportunities for local companies to up skill their own staff and offer work experience. (Council Plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding and agreed a way forward. In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the Learning Village. The recommendations of the Board will be reported to Cabinet.	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.
64.	Schools and colleges will collaborate with the Multiversity and local employers to develop their curriculum appropriately. (Council plan)		Cabinet decision.	Cabinet received a report on progress of Learning Village Phase 2 and potential other sources of funding and agreed a way forward. In addition an Employment and Skills Programme Board has been set up with a remit to work strategically to improve learning and employment opportunities through the development of the	Further report to Cabinet as appropriate.

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69.	Offer the Council's 52 empty business premises to new start up and existing businesses rent free.	Not known at this stage.	Cabinet decision.	Proposals being developed by the Technical Partner Capita Symonds as part of a review of the commercial portfolio.	Report to Cabinet on completion of review