

**Meeting:**           **Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Date:**             **1 July 2013**

**Title:**             **Council Plan 2014-18**

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**Directorate:**       Chief Executive's Office

**Wards affected:**   All

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform Overview and Scrutiny of the proposals to develop a new Council Plan.
- 1.2 As the Council Plan forms part of the Council's budget and policy framework, the Committee is required to consider the initial proposals at this stage and it may make comments and/or recommendations to the relevant Cabinet member on the consultation proposals and timetable.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee considers the initial proposals and make comments and/or recommendations to the Cabinet member on the consultation and timetable.

## **3. Details**

- 3.1 The purpose of the Council Plan is to set out the Authority's policy direction and strategic priorities. It will set out what the Authority will do to address the needs of the borough. It will set the delivery priorities for the Financial Planning and Budget setting process for 2014-2018.

- 3.2 The Plan will also provide the framework for partnership working through the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership and as such will replace the current Sustainable Community Strategy which was due to be refreshed this year.
- 3.3 The proposed time line for developing the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”, including key steps that have already taken place, is set out below.

### **Development of Council Plan 2014 – 2018 “Our North Tyneside”**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
April		Development of Evidence Base for the Council Plan and assessment of relevant engagement.
5 June 2013	NTSP Executive	Strategic Partners considered the Evidence Base and identified issues for the Plan.
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.
12 Aug 2013	Cabinet	Cabinet considers its initial proposals for the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
2 Sept 2013	Overview and Scrutiny	Overview and Scrutiny consider Cabinet’s initial proposals for the Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
9 Sept 2013	Cabinet	Cabinet approves the draft Council Plan 2014-2018 “Our North Tyneside”.
11 Sept	NTSP Executive	The North Tyneside Strategic Partnership consider the draft Council Plan 2014-2018 “ Our North Tyneside”
26 Sept 2013	Council	Council to approve the Council Plan 2014 -2018 “Our North Tyneside”

### **Approach to Engagement**

- 3.4 The Authority and partners undertake engagement with residents and stakeholders throughout the year in a number of different ways. Examples include the Residents Panel, the 2012 State of the Area event and the recent NTSP neighbourhood conversations.
- 3.5 Additional focused engagement will be undertaken to seek residents’ views during the development of the 2014-2018 Council Plan “Our North Tyneside”. This will be a mixture of
- Events, such as the Mouth of the Tyne festival
  - Existing networks and groups, for example the Residents’ panel and User Groups
  - Voluntary sector groups
  - Partner organisations

- Social media and through the Authority's website

### **Equality and diversity considerations**

- 3.6 Engagement on the Council Plan will take account of the needs and best way of listening to residents from across North Tyneside. As specific plans are developed more targeted engagement may be needed to ensure that people affected by any developments know how they can get involved.

## **4. Background Information**

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

- Report to North Tyneside Cabinet 24 June 2013
- North Tyneside's Evidence Base to support the refresh of the Council Plan
- North Tyneside Council's Constitution and Budget and Policy Framework