

**Meeting: Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 2 September 2013**

**Title: Council Plan 2014-18 “Our North Tyneside”**

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**Wards affected:** All

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In line with the Council’s budget and policy framework the purpose of this report is to provide Overview and Scrutiny with an opportunity to make recommendations or observations to Cabinet on the final proposals for the 2014-2018 Our North Tyneside plan.
- 1.2 The final proposals for the Council Plan 2014 -2018 Our North Tyneside will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny at the meeting on 2 September 2013.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. In accordance with the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework, Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the final proposals and make any recommendations or observations for Cabinet to consider at their meeting on 9 October 2013.

## **3. Details**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Plan is being developed against a well publicised reduction in funding for local government and other public bodies. 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 a partnership with local people, communities, businesses and other local public sector and voluntary

organisations. 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

- 3.3 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.

### Engagement

- 3.4 The initial priorities were tested with local people during three weeks of engagement during July 2013.
- 3.5 People were able to contribute their views through a number of different ways, including through email, through talking to Authority staff out and about in the Borough, via a questionnaire available in various venues across the Borough and on the Authority's Website. Views were also sought from councillors, the Residents' Panel, the Staff Panel and the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive.
- 3.6 Authority staff spoke to approximately 600 people face to face across the borough and over 650 questionnaires were completed as a result of this and via the questionnaire on the Authority's website. (There were over 1,400 hits on the information on the Authority website.)
- 3.7 83% agreed that the priorities made sense. 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. This will be updated each year.

### The Policy Framework and next steps

- 3.8 Cabinet agreed on 12 August 2013 that the Strategic Manager for Policy, Partnerships, Performance and Communications, in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor, be authorised 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.
- 3.9 The next steps are summarised in the table below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
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".

#### **4. Background Information**

- (1) Council Plan 2014 -2018 "Our North Tyneside" report to Cabinet 24 June 2013
- (2) Council Plan 2014 -2018 "Our North Tyneside" report to Cabinet 12 August 2013
- (3) State of the Area 2012 Event Report
- (4) North Tyneside Evidence Base to support the refresh of the Council Plan
- (5) Residents Survey 2012
- (6) Residents Panel May 2013 Event Report