

TITLE:	CORPORATE PLAN 2006-2010 – FINAL DRAFT
TO/ON:	EXECUTIVE 11TH SEPTEMBER 2006
BY:	DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY
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STATUS:	REPORT

1. SUBJECT MATTER AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report presents to Executive the final draft of the Council's Corporate Plan for 2006-2010.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The development of the Council's new Corporate Plan for the period 2006-2010 was carried out in conjunction with the first review of the District's Community Strategy.

2.2 This was to recognise the statutory duty placed on the Council to produce a community strategy and also the need for strategic co-ordination in the development of both documents.

2.3 A relevant proposal for the development of the process was presented to full LSP and to Executive on 28th July and 15th August, 2005.

3. RELEVANT MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The review of the strategy was led by the Council's Policy Manager and the LSP Co-ordinator. Once the draft Community Strategy was approved by the Derwentside Partnership, the Council's internal Corporate Planning mechanism began to develop our new Corporate Plan. This took place via thematic working groups led by relevant directors and senior officers, together with the relevant Executive Member and Scrutiny Chair.

3.2 The Council's Scrutiny Panels held special sessions where members, Council officers and partner representatives worked together on identifying the new corporate priorities, and on proposing how our Council can help deliver the revised Community Strategy.

4. THE CORPORATE PLAN 2006-2010 (FINAL DRAFT)

- 4.1 A first draft of the Plan was presented to Strategic Management Team on 8th June 2006. The accompanying report presented to members the changes introduced when compared to the Council's 2001-2005 Corporate Plan. The main suggestions for amendments to the proposals were the following:
- To ensure that the Economy related targets were more challenging
 - To re-introduce the deleted economic objective of "Developing and retaining quality opportunities"
 - Placing priority status on the "Excellence" objective "to demonstrate strong community leadership by encouraging greater community involvement in the planning, delivery and review of local services"
 - Re-wording a Learning objective to reflect the need to "review all current Council supported initiatives that aim to enhance attainment and raise aspirations across the District"
- 4.2 The above changes were incorporated into the draft plan, which was presented to Management Team on 19th June 2006 and 25th July 2006. Both these meetings served to finalise the corporate target setting.
- 4.3 At the time of writing this report another Management Team meeting is scheduled for 24th August to check any final amendments whilst at the same time discuss and agree the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan. The Improvement Plan is the only section currently missing from the attached draft. However, this will be available for the Full Council meeting on 10th October.
- 4.4 The final draft of the Corporate Plan will undergo public consultation during September. A large number of stakeholders were consulted as part of the Community Strategy review during the early part of the year. This time the same stakeholders will be approached to offer them the opportunity to see how the Council shaped its new Corporate Plan on the basis of the revised Community Strategy.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Executive note the contents of the report and approve the final draft of the Corporate Plan 2006-2010.

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