

**TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**16<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

**From: Council Leader**  
**Councillor Richard Betton**

**Ward Member: ALL**

**Subject: Draft Corporate Plan 2008-11**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1.1 In line with the Corporate and Budget Planning Timetable 2008-2009 we have drafted the Corporate Plan for 2008-11 (appendix 2). This combines the Corporate Plan, Transition Plan for 2008/9 and Best Value Performance Plan 2008.

1.2 The Executive Committee approved the Vision, four priorities and ambitions of the Corporate Plan in January 2008 which are:

The Vision is:

*“Teesdale will be a place where people will want to live, work and visit while we protect and enhance our valuable environment; where we use opportunities to strengthen our economy; where our communities are vibrant and prosperous; and where our people are safe and healthy and able to realise their full potential.”*

The four priorities are:

- To Make Teesdale a Cleaner and Greener Place
- To Grow the Economy of Teesdale District Council
- To improve the health and well-being of our residents and develop safer communities
- To meet the housing needs of all our residents

Our ambitions are to:

- Achieve and maintain a clean and attractive environment for residents, businesses and visitors
- Reduce our ecological footprint by promoting and delivering sustainable living
- Reduce waste, improve recycling and encourage reuse
- Create an enterprising district with Barnard Castle as a vibrant market town at its centre
- Have a well educated and skilled workforce with access to latest ICT technology
- Work with our partners to create a strong economy based upon equality of opportunity for employment

- Ensure that economic growth and change is sustainable both in economic and environmental terms
- To develop our leisure provision to meet the changing needs of our community
- To develop the Arts within the District meeting the aspirations of the community
- That the people of Teesdale have healthier lifestyles
- To reduce nuisance behaviour in our communities
- Provide comprehensive housing advice
- Understand the housing needs of our residents
- Endeavour to use Council owned land for the development of affordable housing.

1.3 The draft plan has been circulated to all members and is currently out for final comments. The final plan will be taken to full Council for approval on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Members:

2.1.1 members note the progress made in developing the Corporate Plan 2008-11 in line with the Corporate and Budget Planning Timetable 2008-2009

2.1.2 members feed all comments on the draft plan to the Assistant Chief Executive by 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

## **3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE OBJECTIVES/KEY PRIORITIES**

3.1 **Priority:** Achieving Excellence Together

3.2 **Ambition:** To be an Excellent Council

3.3 **Outcome:** Delivering high quality services which meet the needs of the community

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Each year Executive Committee agree the Corporate and Budget Planning Timetable (appendix 1). This timetable ensures that the corporate plan and budget processes are fully aligned and that both are carried out in a timely and effective way.

## **5.0 Corporate and Budget Planning Timetable 2008-2009**

5.1 In brief so far this year:

- A review of the Corporate & Budget Planning process was undertaken in August 2007.

- The Corporate & Budget Planning timetable was approved by Executive Committee in September 2007.
- 3 workshops involving members and Team Teesdale took place in September and October 2007 to discuss and agree the budget process and draft corporate priorities for consultation linked to budget planning. Two of these workshops were facilitated by the IDeA.
- The draft corporate priorities were taken to Overview & Scrutiny for consideration in November 2007.
- The draft corporate priorities were sent to all Parish Council's for consideration and were subject to a Public Meeting in December 2007.
- The vision, priorities and ambitions were approved by Executive Committee in January 2008 and Full Council in February 2008.
- Service Plans were sent to Overview and scrutiny in May 2008.
- Draft Corporate Plan was circulated to all members in May 2008 for comment.

5.2.1 This process has been underpinned by the detailed consultation work the LSP has undertaken to develop the Sustainable Community Strategy. The vision for the draft Corporate Plan 2008/11 has aligned with the Sustainable Community Strategy 2021 vision.

5.3 The process has, at each stage, reaffirmed Teesdale District Council's current four priorities:

- To Make Teesdale a Cleaner and Greener Place
- To Grow the Economy of Teesdale District Council
- To improve the health and well-being of our residents and develop safer communities
- To meet the housing needs of all our residents

5.4 The final version of the Corporate Plan will be taken to full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

## **6.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS:**

6.1 Financial Implications: the Medium Term Financial Strategy will underpin the delivery of the Council's priorities.

6.2 Risk:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Implications</b>

6.3 Equality and Diversity: when establishing the Council's priorities it is imperative that equality and diversity principles are followed throughout

the process to ensure that sections of the community are not disadvantaged or excluded from accessing Council services.

- 6.4 Human Resources: the HR and workforce plan will underpin the Council's priorities.
- 6.5 Community Safety: when establishing the Council's priorities consideration will be given to the Community Safety aspects of any decision.
- 6.6 Legal Issues: none

**Background papers:**

**1. Draft Corporate Plan and BVPP**

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