



<b>Subject:</b>	Corporate Plan 2017-21 Year 2 Update and Improvement Plan 2018-19
<b>Date:</b>	23rd March 2018
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	To give approval to commence a public consultation exercise for the 2018/19 Improvement Objectives and to publish the draft corporate plan alongside the consultation, for information.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give approval to commence a public consultation exercise on the draft Improvement Objectives for 2018/19;</li><li>• Give approval for the draft Corporate Plan to be published alongside the consultation of the Improvement Objectives for understanding and context; and</li><li>• Note that the final Year 2 Update of the Corporate Plan will be brought to SP&amp;R Committee in June for final sign off.</li></ul>

3.0	Key Issues
	<p data-bbox="292 107 702 141"><u>Corporate Plan, Year 2 Update</u></p> <p data-bbox="164 159 1430 342">3.1 The corporate plan is a key governance document, cited in the council's constitution as the means by which the Strategic Policy &amp; Resources Committee sets the strategic direction of the council. It sets out what the council wants to achieve for the city and the key priority actions to make this happen.</p> <p data-bbox="164 409 1449 495">3.2 A four year (2017 – 21) corporate plan was approved at the SP&amp;R Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 with the agreement that it would be updated annually.</p> <p data-bbox="164 562 1445 846">3.3 The Year 2 updates to the draft corporate plan reflect a range of organisational and city-wide planning led by Members over the last year and builds upon the four-year plan already agreed by Members. Since the original four year plan was published, the Belfast Agenda has been finalised and many of the changes reflect the published version of the Belfast Agenda. A number of the programmes of work have progressed over the last year – the Year 2 update also reflects these developments.</p> <p data-bbox="164 913 1449 1301">3.4 <u>Improvement Plan 2018-19</u> The Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 introduced a duty on council to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the exercise of [its] functions. The council therefore has a statutory obligation to publish an Improvement Plan setting out the Council's Improvement Objectives. The Northern Ireland Audit Office are responsible for overseeing the implementation of this duty and will undertake an examination of the planning process the council uses to derive their improvement objectives and its progress against them.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1368 1426 1603">3.5 The corporate plan therefore incorporates the council's improvement plan, which lays out explicitly our improvement objectives. These improvement objectives cascade from the council's priorities as informed by a wide body of evidence including a far reaching consultation process which informed the development of the Belfast Agenda and Corporate Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="164 1671 1433 1906">3.6 Councillors are asked to note that the performance measures and associated targets, a key component of the improvement plan, are currently under year-end review and therefore not contained within the draft improvement plan. Following the year-end review, these will be inserted on the final draft that is brought to SP&amp;R Committee in June for approval.</p>

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p>	<p><u>Public Consultation on Improvement Objectives</u></p> <p>As part of the aforementioned Act we are required to consult on our improvements objectives every year before publishing a final improvement plan by June. In order to meet this timeframe, it is necessary to commence an eight week consultation period on the six improvement objectives contained within our corporate plan for 2018/19.</p> <p>Any changes to the improvement objectives following the consultation will be brought back to Committee for approval.</p> <p><u>Finance &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>Costs for the implementation of the council's Corporate Plan 2017-21 have been fully costed in the 2018-19 estimating process and will be a key strategic consideration for the 2019-20 estimating process.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>The draft Corporate Plan, Year 2 update has been equality screened out and an Equality Impact Assessment is therefore not necessary.</p>
<p><b>4.0</b></p>	<p><b>Appendices – Documents attached</b></p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Draft Corporate Plan 2017-21 Year 2 Update and Improvement Plan 2018/19</p>