

## COUNCIL PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee - 25 November 2021

**Report of:** Chief Executive

**Status:** For Consideration

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** The Council Plan was adopted in November 2018 and this report sets out the progress made against 'Our Promises'. The Council is able to demonstrate good progress against each of the five Council Plan themes; Environment, Economy, Housing, Health and Community Safety and sets out future focus areas for the remaining two-years of the Council Plan.

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**Recommendation to Improvement & Innovation Advisory Committee:**

The progress made in achieving the promises set out in the Council Plan is noted.

**Reason for recommendation:** To ensure that Members are aware of the progress made against the Council Plan promises and the focus areas for further progress in the remaining two years of the plan.

### Introduction and Background

- 1 The Council Plan was adopted by Members in November 2018. It sets out three promises under each of the five Council Plan themes of Environment, Economy, Housing, Health and Community Safety.
- 2 In addition to the promises set out under each theme, the Council Plan prioritised 'wellbeing'; explaining that wellbeing isn't just about access to health services, rather it is about quality of life. Steps to improve wellbeing are included in the promises under each of the five themes.
- 3 The appendices to this report summarise and provide further details on the progress made against the promises in the Council plan and, looking to the future, the further actions that the Council will take in the years ahead.

### Council Plan performance

- 4 Strong progress has been recorded against each of the 15 promises included in the Council Plan. Services across the Council continue to make

contributions through the strategies they develop, the projects they initiate and the services they deliver.

- 5 Appendix A to this report summarises particular successes over the last year. This Appendix also includes an indication of some of the additional measures that will be taken in the coming year.
- 6 Whilst a number of services were impacted by the pandemic, the Council adapted where necessary and continued to deliver on the promises that the Council Plan sets out.
- 7 Across the breadth of our promises, the Council has continued to work successfully with partner organisations and the voluntary sector to have a positive impact across our communities. Homelessness has been prevented by supporting residents to remain in their homes and to find employment. Businesses have been provided with grants that have helped them through the pandemic. And voluntary and community groups have been supported with grant funding to deliver services for residents, including those who are more vulnerable.
- 8 The Council has made positive progress on the environment and its Net Zero 2030 ambitions; associated actions and supporting strategies will deliver further progress in the years ahead.
- 9 Appendix B provides further detail for each theme and associated promises, for Member's information.

#### **Other options Considered and/or rejected**

No other options were considered in relation to this report.

#### **Key Implications**

##### Financial

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

##### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

##### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

##### Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

## Conclusions

The Council continues to make good progress in delivering against each of the promises set out in the Council Plan. The Plan is due to be renewed in 2023, and actions will continue to be taken over the next year to achieve more for our communities in line with the priorities that Members have set through the Council Plan.

### Appendices

Appendix A - Summary of progress

Appendix B - Detailed progress report

### Background Papers

Council Plan - [https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/548/council\\_plan](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/file/548/council_plan)

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