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Date of Meeting	Tuesday 19 June 2018
Report Subject	Council Plan 2018-19
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council
Report Author	Chief Executive
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan for 2017-23 was adopted by the County Council to show the key priorities of the Council for the five year term of the new administration. The Plan is subject to annual review.

The 2018/19 Plan has been reviewed and refreshed for structure and content. The 'super-structure' of the Plan remains the same as previous plans, comprising six themes and supporting priorities. The six themes continue to take a long term view of ambition and work over the next four years.

The Council Plan is published in a similar format to previous years - highlighting objectives and actions to achieve within each priority and referencing national issues which could impact on or prevent achievement of our priorities.

The Council Plan is presented as two documents that are inter-related; firstly the 'public' version of our statements of intent around the six priorities (Appendix 1) and secondly the document that describes the targets and milestones on which achievement will be measured (Appendix 2).

A Member workshop and the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee have provided challenge and overview of the contents and more detailed targets and milestones.

The published Plan will be available on the Council's website and will be shared with key partners.

	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	To endorse the Council Plan 2018-19 for recommendation for adoption by the County Council.
2	To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to finalise the format and presentational style for the published version.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	Council Plan 2018-19
1.01	It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 (the Measure) to set Objectives and publish a Council Plan. It is a statutory requirement for the County Council to adopt the Council Plan.
1.02	The Council Plan for 2018/19 retains the super structure of six themes and supporting priorities as follows: **Theme: Supportive Council** Priorities: - Appropriate and Affordable Homes - Modern, Efficient and Adapted Homes - Protecting people from Poverty - Independent Living - Integrated Community Social & Health Services - Safeguarding **Theme: Ambitious Council** Priority: - Business Sector Growth and Regeneration **Theme: Learning Council** Priority: - High Performing Education **Theme: Green Council** Priorities: - Sustainable Development & Environmental Management - Safe and sustainable travel services **Theme: Connected Council** Priority: - Resilient Communities **Theme: Serving Council** Priority: - Effective Resource Management
1.03	The Plan presentation remains largely unchanged, as it has been well received and commented upon favourably. National policy issues have

	been updated and listed within each respective priority. These are issues over which we have little control and which may restrict successful and or timely delivery of our priorities. They are issues of national interest and have the potential to impact upon achievement of the priorities. These issues will also be referenced, where relevant, in the next refresh of the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2017-2022.
1.04	For 2018-19 a review of the current themes and priorities has been undertaken to set: - • priority actions that continue into 2018-19 for sustained attention e.g. "New social and affordable homes"; • priority actions which could be removed as they have been completed or become operational (business as usual); and • emerging priority actions for 2018-19 e.g. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Priorities have also been set to take into account Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny priorities, priorities of partners, public views and service demands and national policy and legislation.
1.05	For each priority for 2018-19 there has been a review based on:- • the reasoning for the priority status; • what we will do and how we will measure achievement; and • the risks that will need to be managed.
1.06	The Council Plan is presented as two documents that are inter-related; firstly the 'public' version of our statements of intent around the six priorities (Appendix 1) and secondly the document that describes the targets and milestones on which achievement will be measured (Appendix 2). A Member workshop has provided challenge and overview of the contents and more detailed targets and milestones.
1.07	The Corporate Resources and Overview Scrutiny Committee has reviewed the priorities within the document for its structure, format and overall content, and considered the feedback from the workshop. The outcomes from the Member workshop and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting along with a response is attached at Appendix 3. Overall support for continuation of the themes and priorities was provided, with some suggestions made for Part 2 of the plan which will be covered in the final published version, including: • Clear accountability for actions and measures; and • Providing links to supporting documentation for targets e.g. Housing Needs Assessments. Members also requested a 'tracked' version between the two Plans for 2017/18 and 2018/19 to identify the difference in priorities and related actions across the two years. This is to be shared at the next Corporate

	Resources and Scrutiny meeting.
1.08	The final Council Plan (both parts 1 and 2) will be available as a web-based document published on the website following adoption by County Council.

2.00	**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**
2.01	Resource implications have been considered during preparation of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and will continue to be monitored during the regular budget monitoring and financial review arrangements.

3.00	**CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT**
3.01	All Members have had the opportunity to consider and review the content of the draft Plan themes and priorities including the opportunity to scrutinise targets set for 2018-19. A summary of the considerations is appended.

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also considered the contents and amendments to the final published document have been made. |

4.00	**RISK MANAGEMENT**
4.01	Delivery of the Plan objectives is risk managed within each of the sub priorities of the Council Plan and monitored and reported against quarterly by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The risks to the statutory requirements of the Plan include: not publishing the plan within statutory timescales and, not adhering to the prerequisite content.

Both these risks are managed through adherence to well established procedures for publishing the Plan and ensuring that the content of the Plan reflects the requirements of the Measure.

An additional risk is that the Plan is not endorsed by Members; consultation with Members both individually and as part of the Scrutiny invites engagement. |

5.00	**APPENDICES**
5.01	Appendix 1: Council Plan (Part 1) 2018-19.
Appendix 2: Council Plan (Part 2) 2018-19.
Appendix 3: Member workshop feedback and response.

6.00	**LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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7.00	**GLOSSARY OF TERMS**
7.01	**Council Plan:** the document which sets out the annual priorities of the Council. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 to set Objectives and publish a Plan.
7.02	**Medium Term Financial Strategy:** a written strategy which gives a forecast of the financial resources which will be available to a Council for a given period, and sets out plans for how best to deploy those resources to meet its priorities, duties and obligations.