

CABINET**Tuesday, 31st May, 2016**

Present:-

Councillor Burrows (Chair)

Councillors	T Gilby	Councillors	Huckle
	T Murphy		A Diouf
	Blank		
Non Voting	J Innes		Wall
Members	Brown		

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

12 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bagley, Hollingworth, Ludlow and Serjeant.

14 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 17 May, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the four month period 1 June – 30 September, 2016 was reported for information.

***RESOLVED –**

That the Forward Plan be noted.

16 **COUNCIL PLAN OUTTURN 2015/16**

The Policy and Communications Manager submitted a report to review the progress during the first year of delivery on the 2015 – 2019 Council Plan, and to highlight the key activities and commitments to be delivered during its second year.

In 2015/16 the Council had moved from the production of a one year plan to a four year strategic Council Plan following a recommendation from the Local Government Association's peer challenge in late 2013. The four year Council Plan is one element of the Council's response to this which, along with a revised medium term financial plan and strengthened transformation programme, assists the council in enabling to plan effectively for the financial and policy challenges it faces. The plan had been designed to define the Council's key priorities and aims to provide a focus by setting out priorities that would require collected corporate effort during the period.

The Policy and Communications Manager noted that during 2015/16 there had been 34 key commitments which had been scheduled for delivery, of these 29 had been fully delivered on with a further two close to completion. The report also highlighted key outputs and outcomes achieved during 2015/16, which included:

- The launch of the new Chesterfield Borough Council website;
- The completion of the £3 million supported housing scheme at Parkside;
- Improving the occupancy rates of town centre shops, with occupancy reaching at 91%;
- Opening of the new £11.25 million Queen's Park Sports Centre.

The report also provided information on the 54 key commitments for the second year of the plan as well as the development and implementation of the council's new performance management framework.

***RESOLVED –**

That the progress made towards delivering the Council Plan 2015 - 2019 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

To raise awareness of key outcomes and outputs against the Council Plan commitments and to enable Cabinet Members to challenge performance.

17 REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report reviewing the Council's compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance requirements during the year 2015/16.

The review of the Code of Corporate Governance had been used to provide evidence to support the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

The report included:

- A review of the key elements of the systems and processes that comprised the Authority's governance arrangements, and examples and evidence of assurances in support of the Authority's Annual Governance Statement;
- An action plan arising from the above assessment;
- An Annual Governance Statement for the Council to accompany the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.

The Code of Corporate Governance had first been adopted in 2002, revised in 2008 and revised again following further guidance issued jointly by SOLACE (Society of Local Authority Chief Executives) and CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) in 2012. In April 2016 CIPFA had published a further good governance guide to be implemented for the 2016/17 year.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the following documents be noted and referred to the Standards and Audit Committee for approval:
 - a) the Annual Review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2015/16;
 - b) the Annual Governance Statement;
 - c) the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan.
2. That a review of the Code of Corporate Governance be undertaken in 12 months' time.
3. That progress on the Action Plan be monitored by the Corporate Management Team.

REASONS FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Cabinet and the Standards and Audit Committee to influence the development of, and monitor compliance with, the Code of Corporate Governance.

In order to comply with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

To support the maintenance of sound governance arrangements within the Council.