WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 31 JANUARY 2012

EXECUTIVE - 7 FEBRUARY 2012

Title:

CORPORATE PLAN 2012 - 2015

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Robert Knowles]

[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

This report presents the draft Corporate Plan for Waverley Borough Council from 2012 until the next Council elections in May 2015. The Executive is requested to consider the draft and recommend the Plan to Council for approval.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The proposed core priorities for 2012 to 2015 are set out the in draft plan – Value for Money, Affordable Housing, Leisure and Lives, Understanding our residents' needs and Environment.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Many of the priorities promote Equality and Diversity in the delivery of the Council's services.

Resource/Value for Money implications:

Value for money is the first of Waverley's Corporate priorities under the proposed plan.

Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications in this report.

<u>Introduction</u>

- 1. The draft Corporate Plan at Annexe 1 sets out Waverley's vision and ambitions for the Council and its Services for 2012-15, with key delivery targets under each priority:
 - Value for Money
 - Affordable Housing
 - Leisure and lives

- Understanding our residents' needs
- Environment
- 2. The Corporate Plan is a vital document for the Council, and will set the direction for the delivery of Waverley's services, for example through the allocation of resources and the setting of service plans and targets.
- 3. Waverley's previous Corporate Plan ran from 2008 2011 and notable achievements and successes that were delivered under this plan included the introduction of food waste collection throughout parts of the Borough, a significant decrease in the time taken to process planning applications, the launch of the Don't Lose Your Home or Business project, the introduction of a new cash payment system for residents with outlets across the Borough, the achievement of the 'Achieving' level of the equality standard a year ahead of target, major refurbishments at Cranleigh and Farnham Leisure Centres and £8.5 million secured for the improvement of homes for Waverley's tenants.
- 4. This new draft plan builds on the successes of the previous plan, together with the Conservative manifesto pledges at the election in May 2011. It reflects the difficult financial times we live in and sets the priorities of the Council for the next three years.
- 5. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will consider the draft plan at their meeting on 31 January, and their comments will be forwarded to the Executive for consideration.

Recommendation

The Executive is requested to consider the draft Corporate Plan 2012 – 15 and recommend it to the Council for approval and adoption.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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