

MINUTE EXTRACT

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

28 JULY, 2021

34 THE WIRRAL PLAN 2021-2026

Carly Brown, Assistant Director – Strategy and Partnerships, introduced a report on The Wirral Plan 2021-26. The Wirral Plan was a key policy document for the Borough, which drove the high level priorities, ambition, and key deliverables for the organisation over a 5-year period from 2021 to 2026. The Plan reflected what people had told the Council was important to them and would be used to help all staff understand their role in helping to deliver the Council's corporate priorities.

The refreshed Plan 2021-26 had been developed to build on the five thematic priorities from the previous Plan whilst also taking account of the changed social, economic, and political landscape brought about by COVID-19 which was having a significant impact on Wirral residents and businesses.

There was a need for a series of delivery plans against each of the Council plan priorities. Delivery plans were being developed which would define how the in-year priorities would be achieved. Delivery plans would need to align with the achievement of in-year budget efficiencies and be cognisant of emerging budget planning for 2022/23. It was proposed that draft delivery plans were reviewed by policy and service committees through dedicated sessions and budget workshops during the summer.

A Member commented upon the Plan being a document to be fine-tuned throughout the year and welcomed the opportunity for Policy and Service Committees to review the delivery plans aligned with the Plan, whilst expressing some concern with some changes in respect of environment and transport, as the themes of biodiversity and active travel were critical in the original plan.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Yvonne Nolan, it was -

A. RECOMMENDED –

- (1) That the Wirral Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be referred to Council in September.**

B. Resolved – That,

- (2) further engagement and discussion with relevant Committees takes place to shape the underpinning delivery plans and work programmes required to implement the Wirral Plan; and**
- (3) the approach for the development of delivery planning and corporate change programme to support implementation, be approved.**