

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## CABINET

29 MARCH 2012

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2012-13 DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR JEFF GREEN</b>
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>YES</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report presents Cabinet with a draft 2012-13 Corporate Plan for consideration and referral to the Improvement Board.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Council at its meeting on 13 February 2012 (Minute 122) instructed officers to prepare a report that sets out a process and timetable that will deliver an updated corporate plan within six months that:

- *Captures any work done to date, particularly focussing on comments provided by OSCs and partner organisations*
- *Leads to the preparation of an updated draft plan by the middle of May*
- *Builds in a 6 week policy public consultation period*
- *Reports back to Council at the end of August*
- *Informs the Budget Planning process and enables publication of a draft Budget to December Council*

2.2. The 2012/13 draft corporate plan was reported to Council on 2 February 2012 where it was resolved that a report be prepared that captures the comments provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSC) and partner organisations.

2.3 A summary of the amendments to the draft 2012/13 Corporate Plan compared to the existing 2011/12 plan are set out below. The following focuses have been included in the 2012/13 draft corporate plan following consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees (OSC) and partner organisations:

- Working towards every child in Wirral is ready for school
- Tackling alcohol harm
- Tackling health inequalities
- Implementing a mortgage assistance scheme
- Delivering improvements to town centres
- Ensuring Wirral plays a key role in the regional opportunities presented by the Liverpool City Region and Local Enterprise Partnership
- Ensuring that the Wirral Waters development complements the wider economic regeneration strategy for the Borough

2.4 An updated draft corporate plan is attached at **appendix 1** incorporating these amendments. Cabinet are requested to approve the draft corporate plan and to refer it to the Improvement Board for approval.

2.5 Departments will then develop departmental plans on the basis of the 2012/13 Corporate Plan. It is proposed that departmental plans are approved by the relevant Chief Officer with the Chief Executive and appropriate Portfolio Holders.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

3.1 The corporate risk register will be revised in line with the draft Corporate Plan for 2012-13 to ensure that any risks to delivering Council goals are understood and mitigating actions put in place as appropriate.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 Not applicable.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1 Consultation has been undertaken with partner organisations and the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

6.1 The draft Corporate Plan sets out actions in relation to working with voluntary, community and faith sector organisations to improve outcomes for local people.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

7.1 The Corporate Plan informs the Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Annual Budget which seek to allocate available resources to deliver the priorities as set out in the Plan. By 10 March each year the Council has to agree a Budget, and set Council Tax levels, for the following financial year.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Legal implications relating to the actions set out in the draft Corporate Plan will be addressed by departments as appropriate.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

91 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

92 In developing individual business plans, departments will also be expected to address equalities implications as appropriate, including through undertaking Equality Impact Assessments in line with corporate requirements.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Carbon reduction is a specific goal in the draft Corporate Plan. Any carbon reduction implications relating to other goals and actions will be addressed by departments as appropriate.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Planning and community safety implications relating to the actions set out in the draft Corporate Plan will be addressed by departments as appropriate.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 That Cabinet agrees the draft Corporate Plan.

12.2. That the report be referred to the Improvement Board for endorsement.

## **13.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

13.1 On 17 March 2011, the Council agreed a three year Corporate Plan for 2011-14, with a focus on the activity that would be delivered during the current year (2011-12). In line with best practice, and to ensure that the changing needs and priorities of local people are addressed alongside the corporate governance challenges and opportunities faced by the Council, the Corporate Plan has been reviewed and refreshed to ensure that it is fit for purpose for 2012-13.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Draft Corporate Plan 2012-2013

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Corporate Plan 2011-2014 - Cabinet Council</b>	<b>17 March 2011 18 April 2011</b>
<b>Corporate Plan 2012-13 - Council</b>	<b>13 February 2012</b>