

COUNCIL STRATEGY 2022 - 2026

Committee name	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Officer reporting	Tony Zaman – Interim Chief Executive Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Central Services
Papers with report	Cabinet report – 7 July 2022
Ward	All

HEADLINES

For the Select Committee to consider and comment on the draft Council Strategy 2022-26, subject to approval for consultation by Cabinet on 7 July 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee submit any comments to Cabinet on the Council Strategy, where it relates to matters within their remit.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

On 7 July 2022, Cabinet will consider agreement to consult on a four-year Council Strategy to provide a clear vision and a comprehensive framework of commitments to residents which continue to enhance the Borough and continuously improve council services to be modern, represent value for money and meet residents' needs.

The proposed Strategy is deemed a policy framework document as set out in Chapter 4 of the Council's Constitution. This means that it will become one of the most strategic documents of the Council, making up the 'framework' under which the Cabinet will operate and make decisions.

Consideration of this Strategy is, therefore, to be undertaken in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules in the Council's Constitution and statutorily, these require the Cabinet to set out a timetable for the Strategy's adoption, to include a minimum 6-week consultation period and consideration by the relevant select committees, which are all in this case. The following timetable has been proposed:

1. Consultation draft to Cabinet – 7 July 2022
2. Min. 6 week public consultation period and select committees (July / August 2022)
 - a. Finance & Corporate Services Select Committee – 13 July 2022
 - b. Health & Social Care Select Committee – 19 July 2022
 - c. Children, Families & Education Select Committee – 20 July 2022
 - d. Residents' Services Select Committee – 21 July 2022
 - e. Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee – 13 July 2022
3. Cabinet consideration of final draft, consultation and select committee responses – 13 October 2022
4. Council adoption of Council Strategy – 17 November 2022

Select Committee comments

Councillors on this Select Committee may wish to comment on the draft Strategy. Any comments should focus on matters within the Committee's remit which is set out below:

To undertake the overview and scrutiny role in relation to the following Cabinet Member portfolio (s) and service areas:

Cabinet Member Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport
Relevant service areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Property & Estates2) Capital Programme - Major Projects3) Transportation4) Highways5) Repairs & Engineering (including housing repairs)6) Building Safety / Facilities Management

Cross-cutting topics

This Committee will scrutinise and review the work of utility companies whose actions affect residents of the Borough.

This Committee will also act as lead select committee on the monitoring and review of the following cross-cutting topics:

- Civic Centre, Property and built assets

Should the Committee wish to send formal comments to the Cabinet, this can either be agreed at the meeting, or delegated to the Democratic Services Officer, in conjunction with the Chairman (and in consultation with the Opposition Lead).

It is important for Councillors to note that the proposed Council Strategy cannot be an exhaustive plan setting out all the things the Council will seek to do and achieve over the next 4 years. It should remain a high level, succinct and resident focussed strategy setting out key priorities.

Expected officers to introduce this item on the Select Committee agenda will be the Interim Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Central Services. They will set the scene and provide a strategic overview, along with answering any questions Councillors may have.

PERFORMANCE DATA

The intention is that new quarterly performance monitoring reports will be presented to Select Committees later this municipal year and such performance monitoring data and KPIs will reflect the approved Council Strategy.

RESIDENT BENEFIT

As set out in the Cabinet report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the Cabinet report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As set out in the Cabinet report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL