

## COUNCIL STRATEGY 2022 - 2026

<b>Committee name</b>	Children, Families and Education Select Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Tony Zaman – Interim Chief Executive Dan Kennedy – Corporate Director of Central Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Cabinet report – 7 July 2022
<b>Ward</b>	All

### HEADLINES

For the Select Committee to consider and comment on the draft Council Strategy 2022-26 which has been approved by Cabinet for consultation.

### 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 agreed 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 it that it will become one 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 – 28 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:

Cabinet Member Portfolios	Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education (Cllr Susan O'Brien)
Relevant service areas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Children's Services (including corporate parenting)</li><li>2. Children's Safeguarding</li><li>3. Youth Justice</li><li>4. Youth Services</li><li>5. SEND</li><li>6. Education</li><li>7. Children and Families Development</li><li>8. Skills &amp; lifelong learning</li></ol>

This Select Committee has also established a Panel to support strong oversight of the Council's corporate parenting responsibilities. The Committee will appoint 3 Members to this Panel based on political balance. Membership can be any Councillor, not in the Cabinet. The Committee also appoints relevant Council officers and other external stakeholders to the Panel and has previously agreed operation and Terms of Reference.

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

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As set out in the Cabinet report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL