



Title of Report:	Development of New Council Corporate Strategy
Committee Report Submitted To:	Corporate Policy and Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	26 January 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Provision of services in more accessible and efficient ways
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£10,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	0

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 A Corporate Strategy (Corporate Plan) was previously developed for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2019. A copy of the previous Corporate Strategy can be found [here](#).
- 1.2 A new Corporate Strategy is therefore required, particularly as a new Council was elected in May 2019.
- 1.3 The aim of the Corporate Strategy is to enable the Council to define and agree its priorities and strategic direction for the next four years.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In 2017 a Community Planning Strategic Framework was developed for the Causeway Coast and Glens area – a copy of this Framework can be found [here](#). This document put in place a long term vision and plan for the area based on an analysis of needs, priorities and opportunities within the Causeway Coast and Glens area. This Community Plan has been supported by a Delivery Plan (a copy of this document can be found [here](#)) with a Statement of Progress on the delivery of the Community Planning outcomes published in November 2019 (copy available [here](#)).
- 2.2 The guidelines for community planning envisage the local Community Plan acting as the key over-arching framework for all community planning partners. In Causeway Coast and Glens there are 14 statutory organisations/partners, including the Council, involved in the community planning process and the anticipation is that the local Community Plan will be taken as the starting point by all statutory partners when developing their own organisational strategies and plans.
- 2.3 A process for the development of the new Council Corporate Strategy has been on-going for some time with a development process established and agreed by the senior management team. Initial research work on gathering qualitative and quantitative evidence in relation to Causeway and Glens Borough Council area was undertaken as the first stage in this process
- 2.4 The second stage was to initiate an internal consultation process to gather views and comments on the contents of a new Corporate Strategy. This was to start with a workshop for Councillors but, unfortunately, for various reasons this workshop did not take place until Saturday 29th February 2020.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 The six Councillors who attended the workshop explored and generated ideas for a new Vision for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council; considered the Council's Mission Statement; identified values that should underpin the work of the Council; and considered high level strategic themes for the new Corporate Strategy.

- 3.2 The out-workings of the Councillor workshop discussions and subsequent Senior Leadership Team discussions were considered by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee in August 2020.
- 3.3 At that meeting it was agreed to accept the suggestions as outlined and utilise these suggestions to draft a Corporate Strategy for Council which would be brought back to the Committee for further consideration.
- 3.4 Work has been on-going to develop a draft Corporate Strategy for Council and a copy of a proposed draft is attached as **Appendix 1 – copy to follow**.
- 3.5 This draft incorporates the agreed themes and other suggestions and has developed them into a framework which incorporates outcomes, indicators to help measure progress and it also identifies key strategic projects which will help achieve the outcomes.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee recommends to Council the adoption of this draft Corporate Strategy.