

Norwich City Council
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Item No 6

REPORT for meeting to be held on 10 January 2013

Overview of the Corporate Plan 2012 - 2015

Summary:

The purpose of the report is for the Scrutiny Committee to gain an overview and refresh their knowledge of the Corporate Plan 2012 -2015 prior to pre-scrutiny of the proposed policy and budget framework on the 7 February 2013.

An early draft of the report to Cabinet on 15 February 2013 on the Corporate Plan 2012-2015 and the proposed amendments is, therefore, included.

Conclusions:

The report should enable the Scrutiny Committee an early opportunity to consider the Corporate Plan 2012-2015, which acts as the council's overarching policy framework, before looking at whether the budget is adequate to deliver this at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 7 February 2013.

Recommendation:

To consider the early draft of the report to Cabinet on 15 February 2013 on the Corporate Plan 2012-2015 and the proposed amendments and determine any areas of further information for the meeting on the 7 February or any recommendations.

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Report to Cabinet
13 February 2013
Report of Executive head of strategy, people and democracy
Subject Corporate Plan 2012 -2015

Purpose

To consider the proposed amendments to the Corporate Plan 2012-2015.

Recommendation

That cabinet recommends to council that the amendments to the Corporate Plan 2012-2015, as set out in the report, are approved and that the Corporate Plan, as amended, is then agreed as the council's overarching policy framework for 2013-14.

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet all the corporate priorities.

Financial implications

There are no direct financial consequences of this report.

Ward/s: All wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Arthur – Leader of the council

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

1. The corporate plan 2012-2015 (Annex A) sets out the overall strategic direction of the council including its vision, priorities and values. This will guide everything the council will do for the city and its residents and visitors for the period. As such, the plan acts as the overarching policy framework for the council.
2. The plan was developed during 2011 and early 2012 through a number of methods including:
 - Analysing information on levels of need in the city including drawing on the joint strategic needs assessment, indices of multiple deprivation and our own economic barometer.
 - Listening to our residents and customers on what are the key issues and priorities for city residents, including the results of our 12-week public consultation (your services, your say) on the future priorities and shape of the council.
 - Reviewing the current environment the council operates in, including the national and local economic climate and changing policy and legislation for local government.
 - Consideration of the council's need to continue to significantly reduce its resources in line with its medium-term financial strategy and the reductions required of other public sector organisations.
 - Discussions with key partners and stakeholders over their priorities for the city.
 - Workshops with councillors and staff to consider the key role of the council in the current climate.
 - Formal reviews by scrutiny committee, cabinet and council.
3. The corporate plan was drawn up in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy and in parallel to the development of the budget for the 2012/13 to ensure the necessary resources were in place for its delivery.

Review of the corporate plan

4. The corporate plan has been reviewed in parallel to the development of the city council budget for 2013/14 to ensure that there will be adequate resources to continue the effective delivery of the key corporate priorities. The plan has also been reviewed in light of the changing national and local context that the council operates in.

5. The corporate plan was always intended to last until 2015 and despite the fact some of the national and local context has changed the overall vision, priorities and values remain current and appropriate for the council. It is, therefore, not proposed to make significant changes to the corporate plan at this point in time.
6. However, it is proposed to amend the following three corporate performance targets for the reasons set out in the table below

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Performance measure	Current target	Proposed revised target	Reason for proposed revision
No. of private households where council activity helped to improve the energy efficiency of their homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 50 • 2014/15 - 50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 75 • 2014/15 -150 	<p>The council has been very successful in its work to improve the energy efficiency of private households having already helped 217 households improve their homes in the first two quarters of 2012/13 through accessing government grants to improve insulation etc. This means the original target of 50 per year for the three years of corporate plan has already been exceeded in the first 6 months. However, the national funding used for this has now ended and will be replaced by the Green Deal in 2013/14 and it is still quite early to determine how popular this approach will be with households. It is, therefore proposed to raise the target to 75 for 2013/14 and 150 for 2014/15. Depending on the success of the Green Deal there may be an opportunity to increase these targets further in the future.</p>
% of domestic waste sent for re-use, recycling or composting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 52.5 • 2014/15 - 55 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 43 • 2014/15 - 50 	<p>The target to reach a recycling rate of 50% by the end of 2012/13 will unfortunately be missed by a significant margin. A combination of things needs to be considered when understanding why. The council has looked at other authorities with similar services who are achieving higher recycling rates and there were two big differences: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. They provide caddy liners for the food waste B. They co-mingle all their recycling into one container and have a wider range of materials. <p>In regards to point A the council made a bid for government funding to support this approach which was unfortunately unsuccessful. We are now investigating other options to see how this could be implemented in the future.</p>

Point B should be addressed when the MRF contract is awarded next year. This will require the refuse service to be reconfigured but should mean that all materials will be collected and they will go in one container.

There are a number of other factors that influence the recycling rate:

- Manufacturers are actively light weighting products, especially packaging and since the recycling rate is calculated by weight this will reduce the percentage that is recycled.
- There is a general reduction of 2% per year in the amount of newspaper that is produced – again a relatively heavy material which forms the largest part of the recycling weight.
- The residual amount of waste has gone up this year thereby making the denominator larger when working out the percentage rate
- The county will not pay recycling credits for street sweepings at present meaning we have sent them to landfill. This has reduced our recycling rate by approx 2 to 3% - County are working with a local (to Norfolk) business to develop a system for recycling street sweepings - indications are this should be in place for next year.
- General economic out turn means people are hanging onto things rather than throwing them out and buying new. It also means they are using less packaging which forms a large part of the recycling material

For the reasons set out above it is proposed to reduce the targets as described.

<p>No. of new affordable homes delivered on council owned land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 100 • 2014/15 - 100 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 – 31 • 2014/15 - 78 	<p>It was originally envisaged that a large site of approximately 100 affordable dwellings would complete within 2013/14. However due to the registered provider delaying starting on this project this is unlikely to be delivered until 2015/16. The first site for new build council housing should deliver 7 dwellings in this year along with a further 24 units through a registered provider. The wider economic situation is generally affecting the delivery of housing developments.</p> <p>In regards to 2014/15 the council had consulted on 20 sites proposed for development of affordable housing. However, due to responding to the local requirements identified in the consultation only 6 of these have been approved to be taken forward at this time delivering approximately 20 affordable dwellings. It is anticipated that the first phase of Threescore will provide approximately 25 dwellings in this financial year. In addition a further site has been approved for 3 new-build council dwellings and a further 2 sites are currently being worked up by registered providers that will deliver 30 dwellings making a total of 78 for this year.</p> <p>Overall while the number of units delivered in 2013/14 and 2014/15 is reduced when taking into account the extra 100 units that are now expected to be delivered in 2015/16 the totals will be similar but within a different timescale.</p>

Delivery of the corporate plan

7. The plan is underpinned by a range of service and operational plans, which set out in more detail how our vision and priorities will be delivered. These plans contain more specific targets, which are allocated to teams, contractors and employees to deliver.
8. Progress against targets is monitored and reviewed regularly through the council's performance management framework. This includes monthly performance reports to portfolio holders.
9. Overall progress on delivering the corporate plan is then formally reported quarterly to the council's cabinet and scrutiny committee. The council also publishes an annual performance review as part of its statement of the accounts.
10. The corporate plan 2012-15 also links closely to the council's risk management strategy and corporate risk register. The council has a comprehensive approach to risk management which ensures that all strategic risks are appropriately identified, managed and mitigated against.
11. It is recommended that the Cabinet agree to recommend to council that the amendments to the Corporate Plan 2012-2015, as set out in the report, are approved and that the Corporate Plan, as amended, is then agreed as the Council's overarching policy framework for 2013/14.

Integrated impact assessment



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Report author to complete

Committee:	Cabinet
Committee date:	13 February 2012
Head of service:	Russell O'Keefe
Report subject:	Policy framework 2013/14
Date assessed:	21 December 2012
Description:	To consider the amendments to the Corporate Plan 2012-2015, as set out in the report, and that the Corporate Plan, as amended, is then agreed as the Council's overarching policy framework for 2013/14.

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>By increasing the number of private households where council activity helped to improve the energy efficiency of their homes will also help to reduce fuel poverty.</p> <p>However, the reduction in the targets for the numbers of affordable homes built on council owned land will affect the potential supply of affordable accommodation in the City.</p>
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
S17 crime and disorder act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For the reasons set out in the report the council expects to achieve a lower recycling rate in 2013/14 and 2014/15 than originally envisaged when the corporate plan was first approved in February 2012.
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The increase in number of private households where council activity helped to improve the energy efficiency of their homes

(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
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Recommendations from impact assessment
Positive
Negative
Neutral
Issues
To approve the proposed changes to performance measures within the Corporate Plan 2012 – 2015 for the reasons set out in the report.



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Norwich City Council Corporate plan 2012-15

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1. Foreword by the leader of the council

As leader of Norwich City Council, I want our peers and other organisations across the county to regard us as a leading authority, a trusted partner and an organisation that is outward looking and good to work with.

I strongly believe the council has, and should continue to hold, a civic leadership role. Elected councillors have a mandate to represent and work with their communities. While having the civic leadership role, we all know that in the current climate a local authority can no longer deliver the range of services it used to. However, I believe we have a responsibility to protect the delivery of public sector services. This means we have to work with others to ensure the services which people tell us are important remain.

This may be through our new commissioning framework, through shared services and partnerships, by giving grants or by working with local groups and organisations to develop skills and capacity. We have to take a collaborative approach to enhancing the quality of life of people living in our communities.

The administration's record on developing sound financial systems and making significant efficiencies, cost reductions and improvements over the past five years has put us in a better position than many authorities to face the challenges presented to us by significant cuts to public sector funding. Our prudent management gives us time to consider just how we spend our income and use it to deliver against a revised corporate plan.

This work, together with our successful joint working through the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP), our work on economic development and with the business sector together with our emerging closer working with health, social care and the police, has put us in a strong position to engage and collaborate even more effectively with our external partners.

We all know the significant financial challenges we face. However, in developing new ways of working we will still cleave to our values of equality, protecting the delivery of public services, and supporting the

most vulnerable. We are also committed to ensuring we continue to enable the provision of decent homes and working to maintain a buoyant economy.

Norwich City Council has achieved a great deal in just a few years and while, we may not be able to meet everyone's expectations because of the funding cuts we face, we will continue to fight strenuously for a better quality of life for the people of Norwich.



Brenda Arthur
Leader of Norwich City Council
Labour Councillor for University Ward

2. The council and the city

Norwich City Council provides services to the city of Norwich along with Broadland District Council, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council.

The city council is responsible for approximately 60 per cent of the urban area of the city, including the historic city centre, covering a population of approximately 143,000 people.

Norwich is an innovative, creative city with big ambition for both the place and the people who live here. The fastest-growing population in the east of England, it is home to the headquarters of many global companies, in the top nine shopping destinations in the country and is the regional cultural capital. Its economic, social, cultural and environmental influence is out of all proportion to its size, and extends far beyond its boundary.

But Norwich is also a tale of two cities. While the city has many positive aspects, it also has many of the tough challenges that urban centres can experience. Many city residents experience deprivation, poor educational attainment and poor health.

Our position as a regional centre means there are high levels of inward travel into the city for work, shopping, cultural and leisure activities. This means many of the services the city council provides are used by people who live outside of Norwich, placing additional pressures on our resourcing.

Norwich is also a growing city (the fourth-fastest growing in the UK), which will put additional demands on the council's services and resources in the future.

The information on the next page provides more detail on the economic, social, health, cultural and environmental picture of the city.

The city council has approximately 740 full time equivalent members of staff who provide a range of different services for residents and visitors including:

- street cleaning, waste collection and recycling services
- planning services
- public protection services, including licensing and environmental health
- housing services including, providing and maintaining approximately 16,000 council homes in the UK making us one of the largest local authority landlords
- regeneration and economic development
- parks and open spaces
- cultural, tourism and leisure services
- housing and council tax benefits
- electoral services.

Summary of the social picture

Levels of socio-economic deprivation are the third highest in the region and 70th (out of 326) in England.

Above average rates of homelessness.

25 per cent of housing is council rented, compared to only 5.5 per cent in Norfolk.

75 per cent of school leavers staying on to further education, compared with 84 per cent across Norfolk.

6.7 per cent of the working age population is claiming incapacity benefit/employment support allowance.

Overall crime reduced by four per cent in 2010-11 compared with previous year.

For the 12 months for the year ending March 2011 there were 16,437 reports to police of anti-social behaviour in Norwich, which was a year-on-year reduction of nine per cent and 12,196 reports of anti-social behaviour to Norwich City Council, a year-on-year reduction of six per cent.

31.8 per cent of children affected by income deprivation in Norwich which is the 30th highest percentage nationally. It is the highest percentage of any district council and the highest percentage in the eastern region.

Summary of the environmental picture

Norwich has the highest decrease in CO² emissions per capita in the south and east of the UK as well as being one of the highest nationally, whilst at the same time having one of the highest population growths.

Since the start of our Carbon Management Programme, Norwich City Council has reduced its carbon emissions by more than 16 per cent.

University of East Anglia and Norwich Research Park are internationally recognised for excellence in environmental, health and life sciences.

Norwich City Council has increased household recycling and composting to over 40 per cent and reduced residual waste per household.

Summary of the economic picture

Around 127,000 people work in the Norwich urban area and 50,000 workers commute to the city each day.

40 per cent of jobs in the county are based in the Norwich urban area.

The ninth ranked shopping venue in the UK.

39.1 per cent of Norwich's working age population is qualified to degree level and above, higher than the national and regional averages.

Summary of the cultural picture

Highest level of culture per capita in the UK.

Prime examples of architecture including Norwich 12, the UK's finest collection of heritage buildings in a medieval cityscape.

Bid shortlisted for UK City of Culture 2013.

Major sporting facilities including football, athletics, olympic swimming pool etc.

Three regional media businesses (BBC, Anglia and Archant).

High-profile arts calendar including the Norfolk and Norwich Festival, the largest festival in the country.

Writers' Centre Norwich delivering world-class literary events.

Bidding to become England's first UNESCO City of Literature.

Highly regarded arts institutions including Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery, Norwich University College of the Arts and the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts.

Five theatres, including the Theatre Royal – the most successful regional theatre in the UK.

75 formal play areas and 17 all weather games areas.

Summary of the health picture

The health picture overall for Norwich is mixed, with life expectancy overall similar to the national average.

But this masks huge differences within the city, for example a difference of eight years between people in the healthiest and least healthy wards.

Many key health measures are significantly worse in Norwich than in the rest of the county.

Significant health issues with high levels of teenage pregnancy, mental health problems and drug and alcohol misuse.

High levels of adult smoking, physical inactivity and adult obesity.

Low levels of childhood obesity and diabetes.

Lower than average children's population, and higher young people's population (16 to 24).

Lower than average road deaths and injuries.

[Click here for sources of data.](#)

3. Strategic direction of the council

This corporate plan sets out the overall strategic direction of the council including our vision, priorities and values. This will guide everything the council will do for the city and its residents and visitors for the next three years.

Our strategic direction is shown in the diagram on the next page and covers the following elements:

- **Our vision** – overall this is what as a council we aim to achieve for the city and its residents
- **Our mission** – this is the fundamental purpose of the council – what we are here for
- **Our priorities** – these are the key things we aim to focus on achieving for the city and its residents to realise our vision over the next three years
- **Our core values** – these drive how we will all work and act as teams and employees of the council.

Taken together, these summarise what we promise to do and be as a council for the city and its residents and visitors.

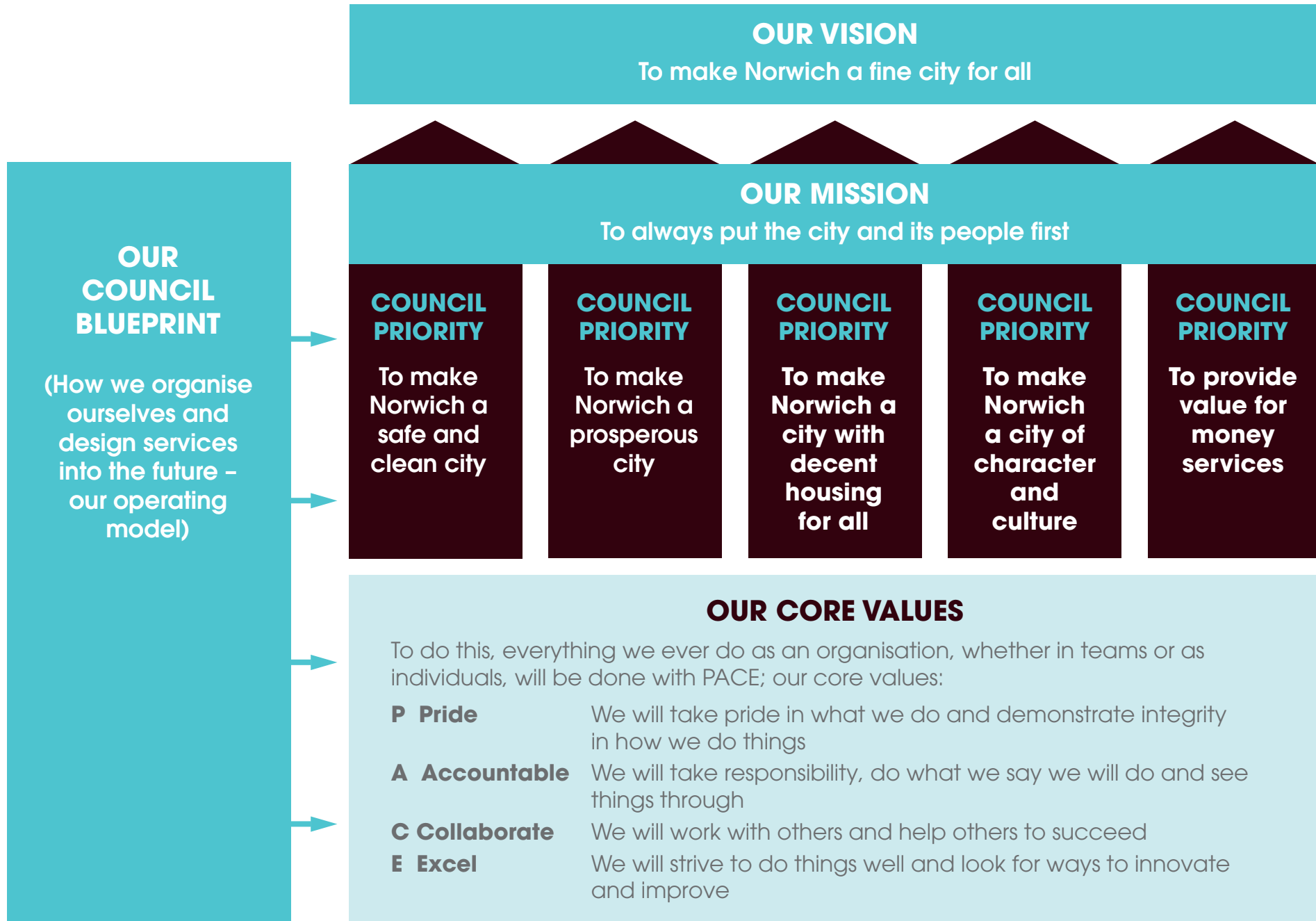
This direction has been developed through a number of methods including:

- analysing information on levels of need in the city including the joint strategic needs assessment, indices of multiple deprivation and our own economic barometer
- listening to our residents and customers on what are their key issues and priorities, including the results of our 12-week public consultation (your services, your say) on the future priorities and shape of the council
- reviewing the current environment the council operates in, including the national and local economic climate and changing policy and legislation for local government
- consideration of the council's need to continue to significantly reduce its resources in line with its medium-term financial strategy and the reductions required of other public sector organisations

- discussions with key partners and stakeholders over their priorities for the city
- workshops with councillors and staff to consider the key role of the council in the current climate.

Also mentioned in the diagram is the council's blueprint. This is a separate document that can be found on our website at www.norwich.gov.uk and guides how we design our services and organise ourselves to deliver the priorities.





4. Council priorities and key actions

Council priority – Safe and clean city

We want to make sure Norwich is safe and clean for all residents and visitors to enjoy. We also want to increase recycling and environmental sustainability in the city. This was the priority ranked most important by residents in our public consultation on the future priorities and shape of the council.

To support this priority we will work with our residents and partners to deliver the following key actions over the next three years:

- maintain street and area cleanliness
- provide efficient and effective waste services and increase the amount of recycling
- work effectively with the police to reduce antisocial behaviour, crime and the fear of crime
- protect residents and visitors by maintaining the standards of food safety
- maintain a safe highway network and reduce road casualties including advocating for the introduction of 20mph zones in residential areas.

Council priority – Prosperous city

We want Norwich to be a prosperous city which businesses want to invest in and where everyone has access to opportunities and a reasonable standard of living. Currently, we have areas of considerable deprivation and the changing economic and policy climate may worsen the impact on certain disadvantaged groups. This priority was ranked third most important by residents in our public consultation on the future priorities and shape of the council.

To support this priority we will work with our residents and partners to deliver the following key actions over the next three years:

- support the development of the local economy and attract inward investment through economic development and regeneration activities
- encourage visitors and tourists to Norwich through effective promotion of the city
- support people on low incomes through advocacy and financial inclusion activities
- reduce fuel poverty through affordable-warmth activities.

Council priority – Decent housing for all

We want to make sure people in Norwich have access to appropriate and good quality housing. Currently, the demand for affordable housing considerably outstrips supply in Norwich. This priority was ranked fourth most important by residents in our public consultation on the future priorities and shape of the council.

To support this priority we will work with our residents and partners to deliver the following key actions over the next three years:

- improve the letting of council homes so we make the best use of existing affordable housing resources
- improve the council's housing stock through a programme of upgrades and maintenance including new kitchens, windows and doors
- develop new affordable housing
- prevent people from becoming homeless through providing effective advice and alternative housing options
- bring empty homes back into use and improve the standard of private sector housing through advice, grants and enforcement.

Council priority – City of character and culture

We want Norwich to maintain its historic character and continue to be a vibrant cultural city with lots for residents and visitors to do. This priority was ranked fifth most important by residents in our public consultation on the future priorities and shape of the council.

To support this priority we will work with our residents and partners to deliver the following key actions over the next three years:

- manage the development of the city through effective planning and conservation management
- provide a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people
- provide well-maintained parks and open spaces
- maximise the opportunities provided by the 2012 Olympics
- become the first UNESCO City of Literature.

Council priority – Value for money services

The council is committed to providing efficient, effective and quality public services to residents and visitors. While we face considerable savings targets over the next three years, we will continue to protect and improve those services our residents value most as much as we possibly can. This priority was ranked second most important by residents in our public consultation on the future priorities and shape of the council.

To support this priority we will work with our residents and partners to deliver the following key actions over the next three years:

- continue to reshape the way the council works to realise our savings targets, protecting and improving services wherever possible and working effectively with partners, through a transformation programme
- improve the efficiency of the council's customer engagement and access channels

- maximise council income through effective asset management, trading and collection activities.
- reach the achieving level of the equalities framework
- reduce the council's carbon emissions through a carbon management programme.



5. Key performance measures and targets

To ensure we are achieving our priorities and delivering the key actions that support them we develop and monitor key performance measures. We use these to test how we are doing. These are shown in the table below.

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PRIORITIES, ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR 2012-2015

WHAT WE AIM TO ACHIEVE (OUR PRIORITIES)	SAFE AND CLEAN CITY		PROSPEROUS CITY		DECENT HOUSING FOR ALL		CITY OF CHARACTER AND CULTURE		VALUE FOR MONEY SERVICES	
WHAT WE WILL DO TO ACHIEVE OUR PRIORITIES WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS AND RESIDENTS (KEY ACTIONS)	To maintain street and area cleanliness		To support the development of the local economy and bring in inward investment through economic development and regeneration activities		To improve the letting of council homes so we make the best use of existing affordable housing resources		To manage the development of the city through effective planning and conservation management		To continue to reshape the way the council works to realise our savings targets, protecting and improving services wherever possible and working effectively with partners, through a transformation programme	
	To provide efficient and effective waste services and increase the amount of recycling		To encourage visitors and tourists to Norwich through effective promotion of the city		To improve the council's housing stock through a programme of upgrades and maintenance including new kitchens, windows and doors		To provide a range of cultural and leisure opportunities and events for people		To improve the efficiency of the council's customer engagement and access channels	
	To work effectively with the police to reduce antisocial behaviour, crime and the fear of crime		To support people on low incomes through advocacy and financial inclusion activities		To develop new affordable housing		To provide well-maintained parks and open spaces		To maximise council income through effective asset management, trading and collection activities	
	To protect residents and visitors by maintaining the standards of food safety		To reduce fuel poverty through affordable-warmth activities		To prevent people from becoming homeless through providing advice and alternative housing options		To maximise the opportunities provided by the 2012 Olympics		To reach the achieving-level of the equalities framework	
	To maintain a safe highway network and reduce road casualties including advocating for the introduction of 20mph zones in residential areas.				To bring empty homes back into use and improve the standard of private sector housing through advice, grants and enforcement		To become England's first UNESCO City of Literature		To reduce the council's carbon emissions through a carbon management programme	
HOW WE MEASURE WHAT WE ARE ACHIEVING (KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES)	% of streets found clean on inspection	% of compliant food safety inspections	No. of new jobs created through council activity	% of people saying that debt issues had become manageable following face to face advice	Relet times for council housing	No. of people prevented from becoming homeless	% of major planning applications completed within target	% of people satisfied with leisure and cultural facilities	Council achieves savings targets	Avoidable contact levels
	% of domestic waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting	No. of killed and seriously injured road casualties	Amount of funding secured by the council for regeneration activity	Average processing time for housing and council tax benefits	No. of council properties meeting the Norwich Standard	No. of empty homes brought back into use	% of minor and other planning applications completed within target	No. of people attending free or low-cost events provided through the council	% of residents satisfied with the service they received from the council	% of income owed to the council collected
	% of people satisfied with waste services		No. of new homes built	No. of private households where council activity helped to improve the energy efficiency at their homes	% of tenants satisfied with the housing service	No. of privately owned homes made safe		No. of visitors and residents engaged with Olympic torch relay activities	% of all council outcome performance measures on or above target	Reaching 'achieving' level of equalities framework
	% of people feeling safe		No. of people accessing information through the TIC		No. of new affordable homes delivered on council owned land		% of people satisfied with parks and open spaces	City becomes first UNESCO City of Literature	% of council partners satisfied with the opportunities to engage with the council	% reduction in CO ² emissions from local authority operations
KEY SERVICES CONTRIBUTING	Customer contact service	Local neighbourhoods service	Customer contact service	Communications and culture service	Customer contact service	Housing service	Customer contact service	Communications and culture service	All services	All services
	Citywide services	Housing service	Strategy and programme management	City development services	City development service	Property service	Planning service	Citywide services		
	City development services			Planning service						

For each of the key performance measures the council sets targets it aims to achieve. These are set out in the table below:

Key performance measures	Targets		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Corporate priority - Safe and clean city			
% of streets found clean on inspection	92%	93%	94%
% of domestic waste sent for re-use, recycling or composting	50%	52.5%	55%
% of people satisfied with waste collection services	65%	70%	75%
% of people feeling safe	68%	70%	72%
% of compliant food safety inspections	93%	95%	97%
No. of killed and seriously injured road casualties	< 46	< 45	< 43
Corporate priority - Prosperous city			
No. of new jobs created through council activity	300	300	300
Amount of funding secured by the council for regeneration activity	£0.25m	£0.25m	£0.25m
No. of new homes built	499	513	521
No. of people accessing information through the Tourist Information Centre	370,000	365,000	363,000
% of people saying that debt issues had become manageable following face to face advice	50%	53%	56%
Average processing time for housing and council tax benefits	21 days	21 days	21 days
No. of private households where council activity helped to improve the energy efficiency of their homes	50	50	50
Corporate priority - Decent housing for all			
Relet times for council housing	16 days	16 days	16 days
No. of council properties meeting the 'Norwich Standard'	2,337	2,860	3,488
% of tenants satisfied with the housing service	85%	85%	87%
No. of new affordable homes delivered on council owned land	85	100	100
No. of people prevented from becoming homeless	300	300	300
No. of empty homes brought back into use	20	20	20
No. of privately owned homes made safe	100	100	100

Key performance measures	Targets		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014/15
Corporate priority - City of character and culture			
% of major planning applications completed within target	80%	80%	80%
% of minor and other planning applications completed within target	85%	85%	85%
% of people satisfied with parks and open spaces	65%	70%	75%
% of people satisfied with council leisure and cultural facilities	65%	70%	75%
No. of people attending free or low-cost events provided through the council	130,000	100,000	100,000
No. of visitors and residents engaged with Olympic torch relay activities	30,000	N/A	N/A
City becomes England's first UNESCO City of Literature	Yes	N/A	N/A
Corporate priority - Value for money services			
Council achieves savings targets	£4.6m	£2.7m	£1.8m
% of residents satisfied with the service they received from the council	93%	93%	93%
% of all council outcome performance measures on or above target	80%	85%	90%
% of council partners satisfied with the opportunities to engage with the council	75%	80%	85%
Avoidable contact levels	24%	24%	24%
% of income owed to the council collected	96%	96%	96%
Reaching 'achieving' level of equalities framework	Yes	Yes	Yes
% reduction in CO ² emissions from local authority operations	6%	4%	4%

6. Delivering the plan

This plan is underpinned by a range of strategic and operational plans, which set out in more detail how our vision and priorities will be delivered. These plans contain more specific targets, which are allocated to teams, contractors and employees to deliver.

Progress against targets is monitored and reviewed regularly through the council's performance management framework. This includes monthly performance reports to the council's portfolio holders.

Overall progress on delivering the corporate plan is then formally reported quarterly to the council's cabinet and scrutiny committee. The council also publishes an annual performance review as part of its statement of the accounts. To find this statement [click here](#).

This corporate plan 2012-15 sits alongside the council's budgets and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012-15. These documents ensure resources are available for the delivery of the corporate plan.

The corporate plan 2012-15 also links closely to the council's risk management strategy and corporate risk register. The council has a comprehensive approach to risk management which ensures all strategic risks are appropriately identified, managed and mitigated against.

The diagram below summarises how our priorities, actions and performance targets are delivered through delivery plans, financial plans and agreed staff actions.



Corporate plan delivery structure

