

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Commission

Date: 14 November 2018

Wards: All

Subject: Scrutiny of the Business Plan 2019-2023: comments and recommendations from the overview and scrutiny panels

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Recommendations:

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1. That in determining its response to Cabinet on the business plan 2019-23, the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers and takes into account the comments and recommendations made by overview and scrutiny panels
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report sets out the comments and recommendations of each of the overview and scrutiny panels following consideration of the business plan. The Overview and Scrutiny Commission is recommended to take these into account when determining its response to Cabinet.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. On 15 October 2018, Cabinet received a report on the business plan for 2019-23. These items have been reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and to the Commission so that comments and recommendations from scrutiny can be conveyed to Cabinet at its meeting on 10 December 2018.
- 2.2. The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has a constitutional duty to co-ordinate the scrutiny responses on the business plan and budget formulation. The outcome of scrutiny by the panels (described in section 3 below) is presented to Commission for this purpose.
- 2.3. The substantive report on the Business Plan 2019-2023 is contained elsewhere on this agenda for the Commission's consideration.

3 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

- 3.1. Appendix 1 contains comments and recommendations made by the scrutiny panels.
- 3.2. The Overview and Scrutiny Commission is recommended to consider the comments and recommendations put forward by the scrutiny panels when determining its overall scrutiny response to Cabinet on the Business Plan 2019-23.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1. The Constitution requires the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to consider the comments and recommendations put forward by the overview and scrutiny panels and to agree a joint overview and scrutiny response. Cabinet is then required under the terms of the Constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.

5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 5.1. The Constitution contains the requirements for consulting scrutiny on the budget and business plan. There is an initial phase of scrutiny in November each year, with the second round in January/February representing the formal consultation of scrutiny on the proposed Business Plan, Budget and Capital Programme.

6 TIMETABLE

- 6.1. Round one of scrutiny of the 2019-23 Business Plan was undertaken as follows:-
- Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 1 November 2018
 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel: 6 November 2018
 - Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 7 November 2018
 - Overview and Scrutiny Commission: 14 November 2018
- 6.2. Comments and recommendations from round one will be reported to Cabinet on 10 December 2018.
- 6.3. Round two of scrutiny of the Business Plan is planned as follows:-
- Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 9 January 2019
 - Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 16 January 2019
 - Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel: 10 January 2019
 - Overview and Scrutiny Commission: 23 January 2019
- 6.4. The responses from round two will be presented to Cabinet on 18 February 2019. A meeting of full Council will then take place on 6 March 2019.

7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. These are detailed in the substantive reports elsewhere on this agenda and in the reports considered by Cabinet on 15 October 2018.

8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. The process for developing the budget and business plan is set out in Part 4C of the Council's Constitution. The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and panels with regard to the development of the budget and business plan is set out in Part 4E of the Constitution.
- 8.2. 8.2 The legal and statutory implications relating to the Business Plan are contained in the reports elsewhere on this agenda.

- 9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**
- 9.1. None directly relating to this report.
- 10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**
- 10.1. None directly relating to this report.
- 11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**
- 11.1. None directly relating to this report.
- 12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**
- Appendix 1: comments and recommendations made by the scrutiny panels in relation to the Business Plan 2019-23.
- 13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 13.1. None

References/Comments from Scrutiny Panels to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission 14 November 2018

Scrutiny of the Business Plan 2019-2023

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel: 1 November 2018

The Panel discussed and commented on the report and RESOLVED that:

“This Panel recommends to Cabinet to consider increasing the capital spend on street trees and other associated landscaping by 10% to help improve the Borough’s air quality offset by reducing equivalent spend on fleet vehicles. “

In introducing the motion, Councillor Daniel Holden said the purpose of the motion is to meet aspirations of Mayor of London which is to reduce the number of vehicles and increase trees to improve air quality.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Russell Makin.

The Panel took a recorded vote on the motion. 4 members voted in favour (Councillors Laxmi Attawar, Nick McLean, Daniel Holden and Russell Makin); 2 voted against (Councillors Ben Butler and Joan Henry) and there were 2 abstentions (Councillors Anthony Fairclough and Stan Anderson).

Healthier Communities and Older People O&S Panel: 6 November 2018

To follow

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel: 7 November 2018

To follow