
West Berkshire Council Strategy: Refresh 2015 - 2019

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the refreshed Council Strategy 2015 - 2019 for consideration and approval by the Council. The refreshed document also articulates the progress that has been made and introduces new or updated projects to support the delivery of the Council's priorities for improvement.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To approve the updated Council Strategy covering the period 2015 - 2019.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The proposed work programme associated with the projects listed in the refreshed Council Strategy is fully funded within the 2016/17 budget.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The Council Strategy forms part of the Council's approved Policy Framework.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** None.
- 3.4 **Legal:** None.
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** The risk management process includes the assessment of risks in delivering the council's priorities for improvement and monitoring of the actions to mitigate them.
- 3.6 **Property:** None.
- 3.7 **Other:** None

4. Executive Summary

- 4.1 In May 2015, the Council approved a new four year Council Strategy which contained the priorities for improvement. The Council Strategy was subjected to public consultation.
- 4.2 This report introduces an updated version of the Council Strategy 2015 - 2019 that maintains the aims and priorities previously agreed. The new Strategy updates the progress that has been made in delivery of our priorities for improvement and provides clarification on new or amended actions or projects in order to deliver against the priorities.
- 4.3 The updated actions are also informed by the political pledges of the current administration. The updated Strategy also provides information on the Council's challenging financial position level.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The refreshed Council Strategy clearly articulates the progress that has been made in delivering projects that support the Council's priorities for improvement. The refreshed Council Strategy also proposes new projects and initiatives in support of the Council's priorities for improvement.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix A – Draft updated Council Strategy 2015 -2019
- 6.2 Appendix B - Equality Impact Assessment