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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

5 May 2022

Forward Plan

Report of the Managing Director

(Corporate Services & Budget)

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision

3. Purpose

3.1 To present the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 June – 30 September 2022 and provide an opportunity for Cabinet to comment on future decisions for inclusion in the forthcoming Forward Plan.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 An independent review of the Council's Scrutiny function was undertaken in 2020 by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. The report commented upon several areas, including the proposal for a Forward Plan which looks to the future, for a period longer than the statutory requirement.

- 4.2 It was believed that such a Forward Plan would enable the four Improvement and Scrutiny Committees to prepare better informed work programmes. This will equally apply to the work programme of the new Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Climate Change, Biodiversity and Carbon Reduction.
- 4.3 It has been agreed that a four-month rolling Forward Plan be considered by CMT and then by Cabinet monthly. This approach should improve planning and horizon-scanning.
- 4.4 In the interests of effective coordination and public transparency, the Forward Plan includes any item that is likely to require an Executive decision of Cabinet or a Cabinet Member whether a key decision or not. The Forward Plan covers the forthcoming 4 months and will be updated on a rolling monthly basis. All items have been discussed and approved by the Corporate Management Team.
- 4.5 The Forward Plan is ultimately the responsibility of the Leader and Cabinet as it contains executive business due for decision. A copy of the Forward Plan covering the period 1 June – 30 September 2022 is attached at Appendix 2. This document will be published on 18 May to comply with the requirements to give 28 days' notice of key decisions to be considered at the 16 June 2022 Cabinet meeting.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 There is no requirement to consult in relation to the preparation of the Forward Plan.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Cabinet could decide not to agree with any of the items that are suggested for inclusion in the Plan. This would then be referred to the Corporate Management Team.
- 6.2 Cabinet could decide to move the date for consideration of any item provided the requirement to give at least 28 days' notice of a key decision is met.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

8.1 The Scrutiny Review 2020.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications

9.2 Appendix 2 - The Forward Plan for the period 1 June 2022 to 30 September 2022

10. Recommendation

10.1 That Cabinet notes the contents of the Forward Plan attached at Appendix 2 and comments on future decisions for inclusion in the Forward Plan, where appropriate.

11. Reasons for Recommendation

11.1 To promote the items that are due for decision by Derbyshire County Council's Executive during the forthcoming four-month period.

11.2 Whilst the Forward Plan cannot be an exhaustive list of all future decisions, to ensure as far as possible that the Forward Plan gives an indication of those decisions which it is known the executive will need to consider in the coming period and can therefore be used as a planning tool for managing the work programme of the executive and Improvement and Scrutiny Committees.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

1.1 None directly arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 The Council is required by law to give to give 28 days' notice of key decisions that are scheduled to be taken by the Executive. A key decision is one which is financially significant, in terms of spending or savings, for the service or function concerned (more than £500,000), or which will have a significant impact on communities, in two or more divisions in the County. This legal obligation is discharged by including the necessary information in the 'Forward Plan'.

2.2 There is no legal requirement to have a four-month rolling Forward Plan, however it is good practice to do so to support effective work programmes for the executive and scrutiny functions.

Human Resources

3.1 None directly arising from this report.

Information Technology

4.1 None directly arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None directly arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 The Forward Plan will include future decisions which support the Council's corporate objectives and delivery of the Council Plan priorities and deliverables.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None directly arising from this report.