DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NEW COUNCIL STRATEGY 2019 – 2023

DATE	OBJECTIVE	ACTIONS
Summer 2019	Conduct initial desktop research	Utilise any recent research work, for example evidence gathered for Community Plan.
September 2019	Internal Consultation Identify issues for inclusion in the first draft of the new Strategy.	 Arrange an initial issue gathering session with Directors and Heads of Service – utilise SLT/HoS meeting on 23rd September. Presentations: Review of performance of previous Council Strategy Community Plan update Evidence Gathered (stats, community engagement, etc) At this session undertake PEST analysis and SWOT analysis for the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area. Hold a number of consultation sessions with a representative range of Council staff across all four Council areas. Develop an issues paper based on internal discussions giving initial thoughts themes, priorities and outcomes.
October 2019	Councillor Consultation	 Arrange facilitated workshop for Councillors to obtain feedback from Councillors on proposals (Saturday 19th October, Portrush Town Hall). Appointment of facilitator for project (Venturei?).

November 2019	Preparation of first draft of new Council Strategy.	 Taking on board the feedback and information gathered, prepare a draft Strategy and submit for initial discussion to SLT. Present draft Strategy for consideration by Corporate Policy and Resources Committee.
December 2019	External consultation	 Wider community consultation could take place using web-based consultation, issue press releases seeking views, or through holding public meetings. 12 week consultation required by Equality Commission.
March 2020	Finalise and adopt new Council Strategy	 Prepare final version of new Council Strategy for adoption by Council. Arrange for publication of the new Strategy. Arrange press launch. Arrange information sessions for staff on the new Strategy.
March/April 2020	Preparation of Business Plans for 2020/21	Actions in Business Plans to be based on strategic themes/priorities and outcomes in the new Council Strategy.