

Causeway Coast & Glens Shadow Council

To: Shadow Council

Date: 11 December 2014

Update on Corporate Plan Progress

For Decision

| Linkage to Corporate Plan | |
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| Strategic Priority | Transition and Transformation |
| Objective | Successful implementation of the convergence plan |
| Lead Officer | Elizabeth Beattie |
| Cost: (If applicable) | Relevant staff costs. Development costs - £7,000 Publication Costs - £1,500 (limited hard copies) Councillor consultation – up to £2,000, paid for by DoE. |

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As previously advised, a Corporate Plan is now being developed for the incoming Causeway Coast and Glens Council and this will cover the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2019.
- 1.2 A process for the development of the new Corporate Plan was approved by the Governance Committee on 14th August 2014 to develop a robust Corporate Plan designed to meet the demands and priorities of the Causeway Coast and Glens Council as it moves forward into the new local government era.

2.0 Update on Progress

- 2.1 Consultation sessions with the Convergence Management Team and Transition Management Team took place on Monday 10th November 2014 and Monday 1st December 2014 during which the team explored and generated initial ideas for a new Vision for the Causeway Coast and Glens Council; considered what the Council's Mission Statement could be; identified several values that could underpin the work of the new Council; considered high level strategic themes for the new corporate plan; and the outputs/outcomes it should achieve.

- 2.2 Consultation sessions on the corporate plan for staff across the new Council area will also take place and these will be held in January 2015 at various Council facilities.
- 2.3 In addition it is proposed that consultation sessions with a wide range of external stakeholders such as community/voluntary groups, the business sector, other statutory agencies, etc., will take place at locations around the Council area (based on the District Electoral Areas) from the end of January through February 2015.
- 2.4 The final draft of the Corporate Plan will be brought to the relevant Council Committee for consideration in March 2015.

3.0 Councillor Engagement

- 3.1 Consultation with Councillors on the new corporate plan is core to its development; work with officers has just been a ratification of the 'as is' position and the preliminary generation of ideas to help stimulate consideration and debate. It has been suggested that a consultation session could take the form of a one night residential at Corrymeela in Ballycastle. This could take place on Friday 30th and Saturday 31th January 2015 and this event would provide Members with the opportunity to explore and develop their thinking on the Council's new Corporate Plan.
- 3.2 A suggested programme for such an event could be:
- Commence with some preliminary briefings, followed dinner on the evening of Friday 30th January 2015.
 - An after dinner speaker or after dinner discussion on Friday 30th January.
 - A morning session on Saturday 31st January to consider issues relating to the new Corporate Plan.
 - A short afternoon session on community planning and how this will link with the Council's corporate plan and other strategies;
 - A short session on the area plan from the Planning Service.
- 3.3 The costs associated with the use of Corrymeela for such an event are £62 per person attending (this includes single room overnight accommodation, all meals, tea, breaks, and use of meeting spaces). Any costs associated with such an event would be offset by monies in the sum of £2,000 included within the DoE Member Capacity Training budget for this purpose.
- 3.4 Another lower cost option would be to arrange a one day programme at Corrymeela which would cost £16 per person (for meals, tea breaks and use of meeting spaces). Members could choose either option but there would need to be a sizeable representation if the Friday evening option is to work.

4.0 Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council decides if it wants to hold the consultation session on the new Council Corporate Plan as proposed over 2 days on 30 January 2015.