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| <b>CABINET</b>         | <b>AGENDA ITEM No. 5</b> |
| <b>8 FEBRUARY 2016</b> | <b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>     |

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**PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES' STRATEGY 2016 - 2020**

| R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S   |                                   |
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| <b>FROM :</b> <i>Strong and Supportive Communities Committee</i>  | <b>Deadline date :</b> <i>N/A</i> |
| Cabinet is recommended to approve the People and Communities Strategy 2016 – 2020 for Peterborough for adoption and implementation across council services. |                                   |

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following the Strong and Supportive Communities Committee held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider the approval of the People and Communities' Strategy 2016 – 2020 for Peterborough.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.4 to promote the Council's corporate and key strategies and Peterborough's Community Strategy and approve strategies and cross-cutting programmes not included within the Council's major policy and budget framework.

**3. TIMESCALE**

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| Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan? | <b>NO</b> |
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**4. THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES' STRATEGY - ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

4.1 The People and Communities' Strategy sets out the framework of how the Council will transform the way in which services are delivered and the role that community and other partner organisations will have in meeting the needs of residents. The Strategy is intended to be the overarching framework for all other policies within the People and Communities Directorate.

4.2 The Strategy has been co-produced with the Strong and Supportive Communities' Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group. The Group was set up to oversee the production of the Strategy which sets out a consistent and understandable commitment for supporting and working with communities.

- 4.3 The Strategy directly links to our core values and supports our objectives as a council, including focussing on ensuring the right outcomes for residents and communities are delivered in the right way and at the right time.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Strategy has been co-produced by members of the Task and Finish Group. Both the Borderline and Peterborough Executive Board and the Safer Peterborough Partnership have also been consulted on the Strategy. The Borderline and Peterborough Executive Board suggested that the Strategy should include links to the Better Care Fund, raising health aspirations of young people from deprived backgrounds and highlighting how volunteering can help to reduce isolation and loneliness.
- 5.2 As further and more detailed action plans that underpin the People and Communities' Strategy are developed, consultation will take place with appropriate partners and organisations.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 Cabinet approves the People and Communities' Strategy.
- 6.2 The Strong and Supportive Scrutiny Committee will regularly review progress in delivering the Building Blocks within the Strategy and identify areas where further work and engagement may be required.
- 6.3 The Strategy will directly support and enable delivery of other key documents and plans such as the Customer Strategy and the Rural Vision and Parish Charter.
- 6.4 The Strategy complements the work we do with our partners in the statutory and not-for-profit sectors, seeking ways to integrate our approaches wherever possible.
- 6.5 The Strategy will ensure that the Council can meet the needs of its current and future residents through service transformation.

## **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Strategy recognises that demand for Council services is increasing and the way we have previously delivered services is difficult to sustain. The Strategy sets out how the Council will manage this increasing demand for services through transforming the way in which our services are delivered, whilst ensuring the most vulnerable people still receive the help and support they need.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Do Nothing – this option is not recommended. Given the changes in demand and the reduction in funding to the Council, the Council requires a strategy to transform its services to meet these pressures. By not approving this Strategy, the Council cannot respond to effectively respond to the demand and financial pressures or strengthen the capacity and resilience within communities.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There will be a requirement for more detailed work to realise the direction outlined within the Building Blocks of the Strategy and to produce tangible outcomes.
- 9.2 Financial Implications

Although there are no direct financial implications arising from the report, the Strategy will go towards ensuring the needs of the city are being met in a cost effective manner.

### 9.3 Legal Implications

The Localism Act 2011 provides that a local Authority has powers to do anything that individuals may generally do. The aim of community strategies is to promote and improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of an area, through a collective approach to service delivery.

### 9.4 Equality Implications

This Strategy does not propose any changes to services that will result in a negative impact to protected characteristic groups. Vulnerable people will continue to be supported through council services and safeguarding remains a priority. As more detailed strategies are developed, equality implications will be fully considered and potentially affected groups consulted with regarding any changes.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

People and Communities' Strategy Equality Impact Assessment

## **11. APPENDICES**

**Appendix 1:** People and Communities' Strategy 2016-2020

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