

MEETING	FULL COUNCIL
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REPORT	THE FIRST REVIEW OF THE THREE YEAR PLAN
PURPOSE	To approve a draft of the first review of the plan for adoption by the full Council
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BACKGROUND

1. Work has been underway to underake the first review of the Council's Three Year Plan. The Council will recall that the rationale for having a Three Year Plan that would be reviewed occasionally was as follows:-
 - Longer term planning is important to offer an element of guidance and stability on priorities
 - Objectives and outputs up to 2010/11 have been set
 - It is vital to keep an eye on any issues that change to ensure the Council can respond appropriately - including policy, performance, research, planning and political messages
2. Considerable work has been undertaken at officer level to consider any issues requiring attention in the review. In terms of members, a letter was sent to all members, with their copy of the plan, inviting observations on the need to review the plan. In addition, members were invited to sessions in the three areas in order to gain their observations. Finally, a workshop was held for the Council's political leaders, members of the Board, political group leaders and chairs of scrutiny committees.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE REVIEW AND THE NEXT STEPS

3. Members will recall that the format of the plan is that there are four Objectives, a series of Strategic Priorities under those objectives and a series of headings beneath them. Then, there are a series of outcomes which, in the original version set out what we intended to achieve by the end of 2008/09 and 2010/11.
4. Detailed work has taken place, with proposals being developed for 2009/10 outcomes and any new proposals for 2010/11 outcomes. In Appendix 1, there is a final draft of the first review of the plan, which has now been scrutinised by the Corporate and Resources Scrutiny Committee and passed by the Board

NB It should be noted that further work is required on the figures for all the indicators since it is necessary to consider reports on the performance for 2008/09 before approving targets for 2009/10

5. As can be seen from Appendix 1, there was considerable consensus about what should be included. These issues were presented to the Corporate and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 12th February, with the committee being asked to consider the following specific issues:-

- Is it happy that the review has given adequate attention to any significant changes in terms of the main issues that the Council should be responding to at a strategic level?
- Is the strategic vision in the plan and how it is to be achieved clear enough?
- Is it of the view that the balance between capacity and ambition in the plan is correct?
- Is it happy with the outcomes in the plan?

6. The main observations of the Scrutiny Committee were:-

- The plan should include a reference to the importance of maximising the economic benefit and reduce any possible risks arising from the decision to build a prison in Caernarfon (This was also an observation made by the Development Scrutiny Committee which also mentioned the establishment of a Project Management resource to co-ordinate this)
- The importance of tourism as a vital sector for the county should be recognised and it should be supported and developed
- The plan as presented resembled a wish list and there were doubts as to whether they could all be implemented in the context of the financial challenge facing the Council and the reduction in corporate capacity following the Council re-structuring. The committee emphasised the role of officers in reporting on any difficulties in implementing

NB The Management Team has considered these observations and included their response to the observations in the version of the plan that was presented to the Board and that is subsequently presented to the full Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

7. The Council is invited to approve the final draft of the first review of the Three Year Plan, noting the need to give the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant portfolio leaders, the authority to agree the detailed targets for the indicators in the Plan once the full year results for 2008/09 are available.