

**Corporate Plan 2007-10**  
**Annual Council, item 12**

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**Agenda Item**

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Item for information

### Summary

This report outlines progress on the corporate plan.

### Recommendations

That Council authorises the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader, Chair of Operations and group leaders to agree a draft corporate plan for public consultation.

### Background Papers

Draft Divisional Plans for 2007/08.

### Impact

Communication/Consultation	Consultation with members, directors, heads of division, Uttlesford Futures board, parish and town councils, residents, businesses and staff
Community Safety	Any community safety implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans
Equalities	Any equalities implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans The corporate plan will be made available in Braille, larger print or translated on request
Finance	Any financial implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans
Human Rights	There are no human rights implications
Legal implications	Any legal implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans

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Sustainability	Any sustainability implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans  Limited copies of the corporate plan will be printed. The plan will be made widely available via the website.
Ward-specific impacts	Any ward-specific impacts resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans.
Workforce/Workplace	Any workforce implications resulting from actions or projects in the corporate plan will be identified in the divisional plans.

**Situation**

1. With the change in political leadership in May 2007 it was felt to be an appropriate time to reassess the council’s priorities for the year ahead. A workshop was held with the chairs of each committee, directors and heads of division on the 25 May to discuss what should be our priorities for 2007/08.
2. These priorities were set out in draft, linked to the council’s goals, and made available for comment by members (area panels, members briefing day) parish and town councillors (area panels, email, post), Uttlesford Futures partners (board meeting), the community (area panels, Uttlesford Life, website), businesses (email, website) and staff (Utterings).
3. To date, 31 comments have been received from 4 members, 17 parish and town councillors, 7 residents, 1 business and 2 staff members.
4. These comments are now being reviewed and discussions will be held with the political leadership to determine a definitive set of actions that are linked into the stated political priorities of:
  - financial management
  - working in partnership
  - putting people first
  - the environment.
5. These discussions will continue over the summer with a draft corporate plan being produced in September for public consultation.

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**Risk Analysis**

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>The corporate plan fails to be published and the council proceeds with its work without clear direction</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	Performance management framework in place. Divisional plans drafted and targets set for best value and local performance indicators. The corporate plan ties all this information together providing coherent direction for the council in the year ahead. Discussions ongoing to agreed format and content of corporate plan.