

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>21 JANUARY 2010</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>COUNCIL AND NHS HEREFORDSHIRE JOINT CORPORATE PLAN</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO AREA:</b>	<b>CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

## **Wards Affected**

County-wide

## **Purpose**

To invite Cabinet to commend for Council's approval the Council and NHS Herefordshire Joint Corporate Plan vision, objectives and long-term outcomes.

## **Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision.

## **Recommendation**

**THAT Cabinet recommends to Council the approval of the Council and NHS Herefordshire Joint Corporate Plan vision, objectives and long-term outcomes as set out at Appendix 1.**

## **Key Points Summary**

- The Council's current corporate plan is out-of-date and a new one is required for 2010-13.
- A joint corporate plan between the Council and NHS Herefordshire is needed to specify what their close partnership is intended to achieve over this period.
- The Plan has been prepared to be affordable within the medium term financial strategies of the two organisations.

## **Alternative Options**

- 1 The Council's constitution requires there to be an up-to-date Corporate Plan. This could, as in the past, be for the Council alone. However, the uniquely close partnership established with NHS Herefordshire requires a sound basis for the specification and performance management of their joint vision, objectives and desired long-term outcomes. The Joint Corporate Plan will provide this, and forms part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
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## **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 2 As for Alternative Options.

## **Introduction and Background**

- 3 The Council's existing corporate plan is out-of-date. To provide a sound basis for the close partnership with NHS Herefordshire a joint plan is needed.
- 4 As a Policy Framework item, the Corporate Plan needs to be approved by Council. It will be invited to do so at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010.
- 5 The draft Joint Corporate Plan 2010-13, comprising the vision, objectives and long-term outcomes, is at Appendix 1.
- 6 Under the Constitution, it is for the Executive to ensure that the Plan is implemented. Appendix 2 is the present draft of the performance indicators and associated targets, key projects and milestones that would be used to achieve this and provide the basis for strategic performance management.
- 7 The PCT Board will be invited to approve the Plan at its meeting on 28th January 2010.

## **Key Considerations**

- 8 The draft Plan has been considered and commended by the Herefordshire Public Services Steering Group. It has also been considered and commended by the Joint Management Team, in the context of the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy. It will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2010. The Committee's comments will be reported at the meeting of Cabinet.

## **Community Impact**

- 9 The Joint Corporate Plan sets out what the Council and HNS Herefordshire intend to achieve over the coming three years to improve services and the quality of life for the people of Herefordshire.

## **Financial Implications**

- 10 None. The plan is designed to be deliverable within the medium term financial strategies.

## **Legal Implications**

- 11 None.

## **Risk Management**

- 12 The major risk is that future levels of Government funding and controls of local authority and NHS expenditure could make the Plan unaffordable. The Joint Corporate Plan has been prepared so as to be affordable within the cautious assumptions about future funding in the medium term financial strategies of the Council and NHS Herefordshire. The Chief Executive will keep under review the potential organisational impact of changes in the financial and operational context, including as regards national and local requirements for efficiency savings. If the assumptions made in the medium term financial strategies were to prove

unfounded, the Joint Corporate Plan may need to be reviewed.

## **Consultees**

- 13 The Herefordshire Public Services Steering Group, the Joint Management Team. The views of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be sought on 18<sup>th</sup> January; a verbal update will be provided.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Proposed Joint Corporate Plan vision, objectives and long-term outcomes

Appendix 2: Present draft of the performance indicators and associated targets, key projects and milestones

## **Background Papers**

None.