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

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To invite Cabinet to consider the draft joint Council and NHS Herefordshire Corporate Plan and commend it to Council for approval.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation

THAT Cabinet recommends to Council the approval of the Joint Corporate Plan

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- The Council's current corporate plan is out-of-date and a new one is required for 2010-13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 the shared aims and objectives of their close partnership and provide the basis for effective performance management.
- The Plan has been prepared to be affordable within the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

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

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with NHS Herefordshire requires a sound basis for the specification and performance management of joint aims and objectives. The Joint Corporate Plan will provide this.

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3 The Council's existing corporate plan is out-of-date.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 The draft Joint Corporate Plan 2010-13 is at Appendix 1 (enclosed separately).

5 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 5th February 2010.

6 The PCT Board will be invited to approve the Plan at its meeting on 28th January 2010.

Key Considerations

7 The draft Plan has been considered and commended by the Herefordshire Public Services Steering Group. The draft Plan has also been considered and commended by the Joint Management Team, in the context of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Community Impact

8 The 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

9 None. The plan is designed to be deliverable within the Medium Term Financial Strategy and budget proposals.

Legal Implications

10 None.

Risk Management

11 The major risk is that future levels of Government funding and controls of local authority and NHS expenditure could make the Plan unaffordable. The 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. If these were to prove unfounded, the Plan would need to be reviewed.

Consultees

12 The Herefordshire Public Services Steering Group and the Joint Management Team.

13 Overview & Scrutiny Committee will be consulted on 18th January; a verbal update will be given.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Joint Corporate Plan (enclosed separately)

Background Papers

None.