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Report of The Leader of the Council, Cllr Steve Flitter

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DERBYSHIRE DALES PLAN 2024-28

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Wards Affected

All

Report Summary

This report presents a public version for circulation of the Derbyshire Dales District Council's Corporate Plan 2024-28, known as the Derbyshire Dales Plan. This public version can be widely circulated as the statement of Derbyshire Dales District Council's priorities, aims and aspirations for the coming four years.

Recommendations

1. The Derbyshire Dales Plan 2024-28 be approved for public circulation.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 Derbyshire Dales Plan 2024-28

Background Papers

Council Meeting 29 February 2024

Consideration of report by Council or other committee

None

Council Approval Required

Yes, the Corporate Plan is a plan within the Council's agreed Policy Framework

Exempt from Press or Public

No

DERBYSHIRE DALES PLAN 2024-28

1. Background

- 1.1 The Derbyshire Dales Plan (Corporate Plan) is the District Council's primary policy document. It establishes the Council's policies and priorities for the coming years and sets the framework for allocating scarce financial and human resources through the budget and service planning process.
- 1.2 The Plan has been carefully constructed to bring together the priorities of the Progressive Alliance in an achievable way. Residents were consulted in July 2023 to add their perspectives via focus groups in Matlock and Ashbourne. Members workshops were held in September and November 2023 to feed all Members priorities and ambitions into the process.
- 1.3 As a result, the Aims, Themes and Principles underpinning the Derbyshire Dales Plan were approved by Council in December 2023. Cross-party working groups (each with one member from each Political Group) were then established for each of the five Themes to develop the priorities, outcomes and delivery plans.
- 1.4 Final Delivery Plans for each of the five Themes were developed by the Working Groups and presented to Council for approval in February 2024.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 It is critical that Members set the overall strategic direction of the Council and ensure that performance against its ambitions is monitored and managed.
- 2.2 Progress against the corporate plan will be received by Council at half year and year end intervals.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Residents and Members have been consulted via focus groups and workshops as part of the development of the 2024-28 Derbyshire Dales Plan.

4. Timetable for Implementation

- 4.1 The Derbyshire Dales Plan will be available on the DDDC website once approved. It can also be provided electronically to partners and stakeholders, once approved.

5. Policy Implications

- 5.1 The Derbyshire Dales Plan (Corporate Plan) is the District Council's primary policy document. The Delivery Plans were approved by Council and went into force from April 2024, directing the Council's budgets and resources to achieve the desired outcomes.

6. Financial and Resource Implications

- 6.1 All corporate projects and actions have been accounted for in existing budgets. Where investments are required, Council will make such decisions on an exception basis or as part of budget setting for the year ahead. The financial risk associated with this report's recommendations is assessed as low.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 As stated, this report presents the Derbyshire Dales District Council's Corporate Plan 2024-28.
- 7.2 As detailed, there is one decision recommended to be taken as part of this report.
- 7.3 The Corporate Plan and relevant Service Plans are compliant with relevant legislation.
- 7.4 The legal risk of challenge when taking the decision as recommended has been assessed as low.

8. Equalities Implications

- 8.1 The Corporate Plan continues the Council's commitment to fair and equal treatment of all Derbyshire Dales residents and visitors. Where policies or procedures change, Equality Impact Assessments will be carried out on the proposed changes.

9. Climate Change Implications

- 9.1 The 2024-2028 plan makes several commitments addressing climate change and biodiversity loss including the ambition to facilitate District wide net zero by 2040 and to enhance the biodiversity of our varied landscape.
- 9.2 The plan acknowledges that partnership working will be key to successful delivery of several of the priorities in the environment theme.

10. Risk Management

- 10.1 There is a risk that Corporate Plan Indicators may not be achieved, with possible service and reputational consequences for the District Council. To mitigate this, progress is monitored regularly by Service Managers and by Corporate Leadership Team.

Report Authorisation

Approvals obtained from:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Paul Wilson	16/07/2024
Director of Resources/ S.151 Officer	Karen Henriksen	17/07/2024
Monitoring Officer (or Legal Services Manager)	Helen Mitchell	16/07/2024