

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite Members to put in place arrangements to identify the Council priorities for the new 5 year term, which are articulated in a manner that will allow Officers to deliver them on an operational basis.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are invited to identify the Council's priorities for the next 5 years;
- 2.2 It is recommended that the identified priorities are then developed and framed within the context of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan, the Council's Corporate Plan, and in line with the requirements of Best Value.
- 2.3 That the Chief Executive is requested to develop a delivery plan, setting out how the council will operationally deliver on the priorities.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Following the elections on 5 May 2022 a new Council is now in place until 2027. It is important that the Council sets out its key priorities for delivery during this period.
- 3.2 In line with the common practice for previous Councils, it is proposed that the priorities are developed and framed within the context of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan. This underpins everything that we do in Argyll and Bute, in partnership with our Community Planning Partners.
- 3.3 It is important that the Corporate Plan is also taken into consideration as part of the process to develop the Council priorities. It is due to be renewed this year, and the priorities for 2022-2027, once approved, will inform the development of the new Plan.

3.4 The Council has agreed to move from individual service plans to the production of a Business Plan. The Business Plan will effectively set out the way in which the Corporate Plan priorities will be delivered. It is therefore recommended that once the priorities are agreed that officers are requested to develop an appropriate delivery plan which will be reported to Council for approval in due course.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Members are invited to develop priorities for the next 5 years, and it is recommended that these are developed in line with previous approaches, taking account of the Argyll and Bute Outcome Improvement Plan, the Corporate Plan, and the aspirations of our communities.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy – none at present
- 5.2 Financial – none at present
- 5.3 Legal – non at present
- 5.4 HR – none at present
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: - none at present
 - 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics
 - 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty
 - 5.5.3 Islands
- 5.6 Climate Change – none at present
- 5.7 Risk – none at present
- 5.8 Customer Service – none at present

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