

**Blaby District Council
Council**

Date of Meeting	18 April 2023
Title of Report	Corporate Action Plan 2023/24 This is not a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan
Lead Member	Cllr. Terry Richardson - Leader of the Council
Report Author	Performance & Information Service Manager
Corporate Priority	All Priorities: A Place to Live; A Place to Work; A Place to Visit; People Strategy; Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The Corporate Action Plan 2023/24 outlines the Council's annual priorities.

2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 That the Council approve the annual priorities for the Blaby District Plan.

3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 The Blaby District Plan, approved by Council in January 2021, sets out the priorities for the Council for the period 2021- 24. An annual plan sets out the aspirations and intent of the Council for the year ahead.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

The Council's vision for the district and its key strategic objectives are set out in '[Blaby District Plan 2021 - 2024](#)'. The plan sets out our vision, which is that "Blaby District is made up of thriving and vibrant communities where people are happy to live, work and visit".

'Live', 'Work' and 'Visit' then form individual elements of the plan, with each of these containing overarching objectives that describe what we want to deliver for our district.

The role of the 'Corporate Action Plan 2023/24' is to outline the specific projects and actions planned for the forthcoming period that will continue to contribute towards the achievement of the objectives found in the Blaby Plan 2021-2024.

Once approved, the 'Corporate Action Plan 2023/24' will provide clarity to members and staff of our specific priorities and focus for the year ahead.

The delivery of the Plan will be monitored by the Senior Leadership Team, Portfolio Holders and Scrutiny. A half yearly update against the plan will be presented to the Cabinet Executive in November 23.

4.2 Proposal(s)

The proposed priorities for 2023/24 are set out in Appendix A for approval.

The focus for this year will continue to be, Transformation, concentrating on service delivery and financial challenges; One of the key activities is to develop and lead a long term vision for the Blaby District through the development of the next iteration of the Blaby District Plan.

There are some other specific activities worth highlighting within the plan which include:

- Producing the 'Transforming Blaby Together Strategy'
- Responding robustly to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange
- Supporting our new Councillors to fulfil their roles with a detailed induction programme.
- Continuing our drive to Net Zero for 2030
- Focusing on our growing homelessness and housing supply issues
- Ensuring our ICT service meets the needs of the business.
- Producing a business plan to support our Medium Term Financial Strategy

4.3 Relevant Consultations

The development of the 'Corporate Action Plan 2023/24' involved consultation with the following groups.

- The Local Government Association's 'Corporate Peer Challenge' team, who visited Blaby in March 2022 and provided a subsequent report of their key findings and recommendations following their improvement focused review.
- Staff from across the council's services, most notably via individual 'service plans' collated by the manager of each area and their teams. Members of the Council's Senior Leadership Team met with each service manager to discuss and understand their forthcoming priorities.
- Members of the Scrutiny Commission (on 12 April 2023)

4.4 Significant Issues

There are none within the report, however, individual activities will have associated issues and these will be reported on separately.

5. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

- 5.1 The annual budget, approved by Council on 22nd February 2023, supports the delivery of the Blaby District Plan.

6. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
That the projects and actions within the Corporate Action Plan 2023-24 are not delivered, meaning the key strategic objectives found in the Blaby Plan 2021-24 may also be diminished.	The delivery of the action plan will be monitored by SLT with reports to Council on a six-monthly basis. In addition, relevant Portfolio Holders will be kept up to date with specific activities.
That issues / challenges arise which are not detailed within the Plan.	The plan is a flexible, working document which will be reviewed regularly to reflect and necessary changes.

7. Other options considered

- 7.1 No other options were considered. It is important that residents, partners, Elected Members and staff are familiar with how the Council intends to deliver against the agreed priorities

8. Environmental impact

- 8.1 Any environmental impacts will be outlined alongside each individual project/action contained within the Corporate Action Plan 2023-24. However, our journey to Net Zero is a key priority for the Council and, there are actions within the annual plan which support the delivery of this priority.

9. Other significant issues

- 9.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities, and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

10. Appendix

- 10.1 Appendix A – The Corporate Action Plan 2023-24 (to follow)

11. Background paper(s)

11.1 [Blaby District Plan 2021 - 2024](#)

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