

**Blaby District Council
Council**

Date of Meeting	21 May 2024
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	Business Systems & Information Manager
Strategic Themes	All Themes: Enabling our communities and supporting our vulnerable residents; Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment; Growing and supporting our economy; Keeping you safe and healthy; Ambitious and well managed Council, valuing our people.

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update councillors on the progress of actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan 2023-24. This action plan was approved by Council in June 2023.

2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 That Council notes the progress made against the Corporate Action Plan 2023-24.

3. Reason for Decisions Recommended

- 3.1 It is important that Elected Members, and staff are familiar with how the Council is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

4. Matters to consider

- 4.1 Background

The Council's vision for the district and its key strategic themes are set out in 'Blaby District Plan 2024 - 2028'.

The vision is that *"to ensure that Blaby District is a great place to live, work and visit."*

When the 23-24 action plan was approved our previous District Plan was in place and as such it aligned with the strategic objectives set out within that plan.

The role of the '**Corporate Action Plan**' is to outline specific projects planned for the forthcoming period that will contribute towards the delivery of the Blaby District Plan.

This report provides a progress update for those actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan for 2023-24, which was taken to Council for approval in June 2023.

In total, there were 23 objectives contained within the action plan for 23-24. These covered some really significant areas such as the development of the Blaby District Plan, the Transforming Blaby Together Strategy and the Economic Development Framework.

Several important pieces of work were undertaken as part of the action plan such as the robust response to the Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange submission, the District Council Elections and subsequently supporting new Cllrs in their roles as District Councillors.

Our objectives towards reaching carbon neutrality in 2030 continued alongside our work to ensure we progressed our new performance framework.

The progress detailed sits within the back-drop of challenging financial times, with several of the actions linking directly looking to mitigate those financial pressures without compromising the excellent standard of service provided to the residents, visitors and businesses of the district.

Many of the actions are relatively long-term endeavours, realistically taking longer than a year to complete, therefore you will notice that a significant proportion are contained within the Corporate Action Plan 2024-25, which was approved at Council in February this year.

4.2 Proposal(s)

Progress of the actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan 2023-24 are detailed in the report at Appendix A. Members are invited to review the progress report.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

The Senior Responsible Officer was consulted for each project contained within the Corporate Action Plan 23-24 to gain the most recent and relevant information. Some of the pieces of work contained within the action plan have been subject to separate consultations.

4.4 Significant Issues

There are none within this report, however, individual projects may have associated issues, and these will be detailed in the appended report.

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

- 5.1 The annual budget, approved by Council in February each year, supports the delivery of the actions contained within the Corporate Action 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 sufficiently progressed, meaning the key strategic objectives found in the Blaby Plan 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.
Council members are unaware of key projects and their progress meaning they are unable to exert any influence or communicate this to residents, business and other stakeholders.	The provision of the appended progress report in addition to frequent updates to cabinet members collectively and portfolio holders individually.

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 is delivering against its agreed actions and priorities.

8. Environmental impact

- 8.1 Any environmental impacts will be outlined alongside each individual project where relevant. However, our journey to Net Zero is a key priority for the Council and, there are specific 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 – Corporate Action Plan 23-24 Progress Report

11. Background paper(s)

11.1 [Blaby District Plan 2021 - 2024' and Blaby District Plan 2024 - 2028](#)

11.2 [Corporate Action Plan 2023 -2024](#)

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