

**Blaby District Council
Council**

Date of Meeting	12 May 2026
Title of Report	Annual Corporate Action Plan 2025-26 (Closure Report) This is not a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan
Lead Member	Cllr. Ben Taylor - Leader of the Council
Report Author	Business Systems & Information Manager
Strategic Themes	All Themes: Enabling communities and supporting 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 provide councillors with a closure report that demonstrates the progress of actions outlined in the Annual Corporate Action Plan for 2025-26 period. This action plan was approved by Council on 8 April 2025.

2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 That Council notes the progress made against the Corporate Action Plan 2025-26.

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 the **Blaby District Plan 2024 - 2028**.

The vision is **“to ensure that Blaby District is a great place to live, work and visit.”**. The strategic themes provide the areas of focus for the Council to achieve its vision.

The role of the '**Annual Corporate Action Plan**' is to outline specific objectives planned for the forthcoming year that will contribute towards the delivery of the Blaby District Plan. Each of the objectives set out in the Action Plan are aligned to one of the strategic themes and will also have projects & actions that come together to deliver those objectives. The most significant of these are also itemised in the Action Plan as 'priority' projects.

This report provides a closing update for those objectives and priority projects outlined in the Corporate Action Plan for 2025-26, which was approved by Council on 8 April 2025.

In total, there were **15 objectives and 20 Priority Projects** contained within the Action Plan for 25-26.

These objectives and their underlying projects helped to address significant areas such as **Homelessness Prevention**, where further progress has been made to increase the availability of Council managed properties to support families in need of temporary accommodation.

Huge progress has been made to prepare for, and launch, the government mandated weekly **food waste collections**, which has involved input and collaboration from across multiple service areas in the Council and been a testament to our teams combined ability to plan and deliver change together.

Work also continued throughout the year to develop the **emerging local plan**, this was against the backdrop and challenge of changing guidance and legislation. The plan will be presented at Council in the summer of 2026 with permission being sought to publish at Regulation 19 and move forward to public engagement.

The Council's preparations for **Local Government Re-organisation** also took significant steps forward during this period, primarily with the formation and submission of our combined proposal for the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland area. This was produced in collaboration with all the District Councils in Leicestershire and with Rutland County Council and was submitted in November 2025. Public engagement was also successful in attracting a high level of response, together with support for our 'North, City, South' proposal.

Internally, the Council completed a very successful **migration of its ICT provision** to an entirely 'in-house' service. The new service is robust and dependable, whilst beginning to develop and enable our future digital ambitions.

These are just a small snapshot of the progress made across the 2025-26 period. The full details can be seen in the 'Closure Report' appended to this document.

Several of the objectives and related priority projects are long-term endeavours, realistically taking longer than a year to complete, therefore Councillors will notice that some actions were carried forward from previous actions plans, and some may continue onto the plan for 2026-27.

4.2 Proposal(s)

Progress of the actions outlined in the Corporate Action Plan 2025-26 are detailed in the report at Appendix A. Members are invited to review the progress report.

4.3 Relevant Consultations

Executive Directors and Senior Responsible Officers were consulted for each of the objectives and priority projects contained within the Corporate Action Plan 25-26 to gain the most recent and relevant information.

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.

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

5. Environmental impact

5.1 Each of the objectives and priority projects within the appended action plan will have considered their environmental impact individually. Some of these (such as the impact of solar panels at the depot) have been described directly within the progress updates provided within the action plan.

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

6.1 The annual budget, approved by Council in February each year, supports the delivery of the actions contained within the Corporate Action Plan.

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

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Current Risk	Actions to reduce the risks
That the actions within the Corporate Action Plan 2025-26 are not sufficiently progressed, meaning the key strategic aims 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.	That the actions within the Corporate Action Plan 2025-26 are not sufficiently progressed, meaning the key strategic aims 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.
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8. Other options considered

8.1 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.

9. Appendix

9.1 Appendix A – Annual Corporate Action Plan 2024-25 – Closure Report

9.2 Appendix B – [Blaby District Plan 2024-2028](#)

10. Background paper(s)

10.1 None

11. Report author's contact details

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