

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

CABINET

11 FEBRUARY 2021

12. ANNUAL COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH 2021/22
(CAB3286)

Councillor Thompson introduced the report which set out a refresh to the previous plan, having regard to the significant impact of the Covid pandemic, but with the five strategic priorities and focus on the climate emergency remaining unchanged. The report also summarised some of the achievements of the council over the previous year. Councillor Thompson proposed an additional recommendation to allow minor editing changes to the Plan and this was agreed as set out in recommendation 2 below.

At the invitation of the Leader, Councillors Pearson and Read addressed Cabinet as summarised briefly below.

Councillor Pearson

Welcomed much of the contents of the plan but raised a number of specific queries. This included questions regarding what exact measures were proposed to tackle the climate emergency and also a belief that the plan focussed on the city area rather than the district as a whole.

Councillor Read

Noted the likely ongoing and long term impacts of the pandemic. Raised a detailed query regarding the type of housing proposed to be built by the proposed new housing company. Believed that generally there had been a lack of action taken and decisions made.

Councillor Thompson and other Cabinet Members responded to comments made including emphasising that the plan was a high level strategic document which covered the whole district area. The comments made by Chris Holloway (WinACC) during public participation in support of the council's continued commitment to tackling the climate emergency were also noted.

Cabinet agreed the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the report.

RECOMMENDED (TO COUNCIL):

- 1. That Council approves and adopts the refreshed Council Plan priorities.**

RESOLVED:

2. That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director: Resources, in consultation with the Leader, to make minor typographical corrections and manuscript updates to the Plan.