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Dear Ros

CORPORATE PLAN 17-18 UPDATE – FURTHER RESPONSE

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee held an additional review session on the 15th February, 2017 to consider the Corporate Plan which has been updated as part of the annual 'Define and Deliver' cycle. Members provided their support to the Corporate Plan 17-18 and provided comment on whether the priorities in the Plan will direct the Councils collective efforts to ensure that Doncaster and its people thrive.

Members spoke about the potential Doncaster has in terms of its network and transport system and recognised how the Corporate Plan will be able to take it in the right direction. I would therefore be grateful if you could take account of these additional comments and suggestions when presenting the Plan to Full Council.-

- That reference to the Great Yorkshire Way and the development of the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster is strengthened as these are viewed as key priorities for Doncaster as well as the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).
- Doncaster Living;
 - Concern was raised that current housing policies were not developing housing for the future that were 'fit for purpose'. An example was mentioned that houses on new developments were built with parking spaces in front for only one and a half spaces or small garages that are not enough wider enough for a large family car. It was felt that links to planning needed to be further improved and developed, although we acknowledge the Corporate Plan should not go into the detail of specific planning issues.
- Doncaster Learning;
 - It was felt that there needed to be more emphasis on older people being able to access training and development to allow them to make beneficial changes to their lives or consider employment opportunities. Concern was raised about cost being a barrier to learning.

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It was recognised that this linked into the Corporate Plans objective that “learning and creativity is supported through a whole person, whole life focus” and that avenues may be presented through the Councils response to the Education Skills Commission.

- Members were pleased to hear that proposals for an Institute of Technology and a University Technical College were being taken. It was acknowledged that these would provide additional technical routes into well paid, skilled jobs and enhance what the High Speed Rail College will be able to bring to Doncaster, something Members felt was much needed.

Members acknowledged that further to the Corporate Plan being agreed at Council on the 2nd March 2017, additional work would be done to consider the detail that would achieve the plans objectives and outcomes. Concern was raised regarding how the Council planned to effectively engage with partners in order to get them on board and help deliver the Corporate Plan. It was requested that an update is brought back to the Committee in approximately 6 months to see how the Corporate Plan is progressing.

It was also felt that there needed to more opportunities for Members to understand the reasoning behind key performance areas and selected performance indicators.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Allan Wiltshire, Head of Policy and Partnerships, for outlining in detail the information contained in the Corporate Plan. I would be grateful for a response by no later than the 15th March 2017.

Kind regards,



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Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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