



# Doncaster Council

## EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Wednesday, 4th March, 2020 by Cabinet.

Date notified to all Members: Wednesday, 4th March, 2020.

This decision is subject to Full Council approval on the 5th March, 2020.

Present:

Chair - Mayor Ros Jones (Mayor of Doncaster with responsibility for Budget and Policy Framework)

Vice-Chair - Councillor Glyn Jones (Deputy Mayor, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Equalities)

### Cabinet Member for:

Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Joe Blackham	Portfolio Holder for Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services
Councillor Nuala Fennelly	Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools
Councillor Chris McGuinness	Portfolio Holder for Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment
Councillor Bill Mordue	Portfolio Holder for Business, Skills and Economic Development
Councillor Jane Nightingale	Portfolio Holder for Customer and Corporate Services.

Apologies:-

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Rachael Blake, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

## PUBLIC MEETING – SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

### DECISION 1

#### 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE

6. Draft Corporate Plan 2020-21.

#### 2. DECISION TAKEN

Cabinet note and approve the updated Corporate Plan 2020-21, as appended to the report as Annex 1, for recommendation to Full Council on 5th March 2020 for adoption.

#### 3. REASON FOR DECISION

Cabinet considered a report which set out an updated Corporate Plan for 2020-21, as appended to the report at Annex 1. The Corporate Plan had been updated to provide clear direction for the work of the Council for the next year.

Mayor Ros Jones in presenting the report stated that the Council's current Corporate Plan was due to expire at the end of the 2019/20 financial year, therefore, she was pleased to propose a new Plan that sets out the Council's priorities for the forthcoming new financial year.

Over the past year, the Council has continued to drive change to improve Doncaster for all its residents.

The Council has seen:-

- Record levels of employment and investment with an increase of average wage rates by 10% over two years
- The agreement of a South Yorkshire Devolution Deal which will unlock investment for Doncaster, whilst the Council pursues its ambition for a wider Yorkshire Devolution Deal
- The continued integration of Health and Care Services and a co-commissioning agreement with Health Partners
- Improvement to Early Years education and GCSE results
- Undertook 'Doncaster Talks', a Borough wide consultation to understand the issues that matter most to residents

The Mayor stressed that there were still many challenges to face as a Borough, none of which were as important as the need to tackle the Climate and Biodiversity crisis, which was why she was glad that the Council has declared a Climate Emergency and set up a Local Commission to help shape its work going forward.

The Council have seen first-hand this year the devastating impact that the climate can have on its communities, and she was proud of the collective efforts of communities, staff and partners to help those in need during the response and continued recovery.

The Mayor explained that the updated Plan is still framed around:

- The 4 Doncaster Growing Together priority themes; and
- The cross-cutting 'Connected Council' theme

However, the Mayor explained that there is a clearer alignment between our "6 Imperatives" which we will prioritise. These are the outcomes and ways of working that must shape the Council's work going forward. These are:

- Embed Sustainability into all that we do for a cleaner and greener Borough;
- Advance Inclusive Growth to achieve good economic growth for all of Doncaster;
- Focus on Early Intervention and Prevention, including supporting families and communities across the Borough;
- Develop Lifelong Learning and Skills to ensure all residents have access to opportunities to advance their lives and careers;
- Ensure that the Council are 'Keeping it Real' to understand people and places

- and building this into decision making; and
- Being Intelligence Led to work smarter and more efficiently.

The Mayor highlighted that the upcoming year would also see a new Borough Strategy being developed and presented to help drive Doncaster in the 2020s. The Council still intends to deliver on this, despite the significant budgetary challenges we face, and the uncertainty around funding following 2020/21.

The Mayor felt that this is an exciting time for Doncaster, and with the challenges that face the Borough come exciting opportunities. The Council will continue to work with its partners to improve the Borough as a place to live, work, invest and visit.

The Mayor thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for considering the Plan and providing their feedback and support.

To conclude, the Mayor sought Cabinet's support for the updated Corporate Plan, which will focus the Council's efforts over the next year on the goal of achieving a step-change in well-being for residents.

Councillor Mordue, Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Economic Development welcomed the Priority Themes as outlined in the Corporate Plan. He made particular reference to the 'Doncaster Living' and 'Doncaster Working' priority themes and felt that if the Council were to deliver on these priorities, this would improve 'Doncaster Working' and bring about better skilled jobs to the Borough. Councillor Mordue was pleased to note that older people were being afforded the opportunity to be trained, which he felt was crucial in today's market. He added that older people not being offered training or given a job was a missed opportunity and emphasised the need for the Council to deliver on this.

#### **4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- A plan that focuses on the internal 'Connect Council' components service standards and capacity to deliver DGT.
- A detailed plan, which reflects the breadth and depth of the Council PMF/Quarterly Monitoring report.

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

There were no declarations.

#### **6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION**

Not Exempt.

#### **7. DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

Debbie Hogg. Director of Corporate Resources.

Signed.....Chair/Decision Maker