



B O S T O N

B O R O U G H C O U N C I L

REPORT TO:	CABINET
DATE:	21 OCTOBER 2020
SUBJECT:	CORPORATE STRATEGY/PRIORITIES
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR NIGEL WELTON, DEPUTY LEADER
REPORT AUTHOR:	JAMES GILBERT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – ORGANISATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

The Cabinet has been working to develop a vision for Boston for their current term and beyond.

Appendix A to this report is the proposed Corporate Strategy/priorities 2020-2024.

This Strategy has been developed following scrutiny through the Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee (27 August) and a period of stakeholder and public consultation thereafter. The Scrutiny Committee recommendations are attached at Appendix B and the consultation feedback at Appendix C.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet recommends the Corporate Strategy to Council for approval.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The existing Corporate Strategy requires a refresh to ensure clear strategic priorities for the Council are in place.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Cabinet has considered a range of options for the priorities.

REPORT

1.0 The proposed Corporate Strategy can be found at Appendix A.

It should be noted that some of the priorities are a longer-term vision and will not be completed by the end of 2024, however, key building blocks will be put into place to move towards these aspirations.

2.0 The Strategy's development has included input from the Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee; as well as stakeholders and the community through a public consultation. Appendices B and C to this report include the feedback from the Committee and that received through the consultation. Many of the comments received from respondents to the consultation have helped to shape the Strategy presented to Cabinet.

CONCLUSION

The Corporate Strategy sets out a high-level ambition for the term of the Council and beyond.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy will be aligned to reflect the agreed priorities of the Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/a

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy identifies a strategic priority focused on climate change.

EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS

None

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

The Corporate Strategy was subject to consultation and the findings are attached at Appendix C.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A	Draft Corporate Strategy
APPENDIX B	Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee recommendations
APPENDIX C	Consultation report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
LGA Corporate Peer Review	http://s4fzas59p.gb-02.live-paas.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Boston-Borough-Council-Peer-Review.pdf

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

9 September 2020 – Cabinet (for agreement to consult)

27 August 2020 - Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee.