

Report to:	COUNCIL
Relevant Officer:	Carmel McKeogh, Deputy Chief Executive
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Simon Blackburn, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	30 March 2016

POLICY FRAMEWORK REVIEW

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation of the Executive from its meeting on 7 March 2016 relating to the approval of the Policy Framework Review.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

The Executive recommend to Council:

- 2.1 To approve the Council and Executive Policy Framework in light of the new Council Plan priorities.
- 2.2 To consider the strategies at Appendix 4(c) of the Executive report and agree that future iterations of these are approved by the Executive.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 As resources diminish and priorities change it is important that the work the Council does is focused and aligned to the organisation's priorities; similarly, the number of strategies has reduced over time and it is equally important that the Council's strategic direction is clearly articulated.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

Not to have a Policy Framework.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priorities are “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool and Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 There are a number plans and strategies that exist that consists of either statutory documents or documents that have been developed to deliver and drive priorities. The purpose of the Policy Framework is to ensure that the Council’s strategic direction is clearly articulated.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 8(a) - Executive Decision Notice EX17/2016

A copy of the supporting documentation to this decision notice was submitted with the agenda for the Executive and can be found on the [Council’s website](#).

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 A number of the strategies that are due to expire are statutory. Therefore, it is important that the necessary plans are in place to refresh the documents.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 There are no additional background papers to this report.