

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Antony Lockley, Director of Strategy and Assistant Chief Executive
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	08 March 2022

## UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Executive from its meeting on 24 February 2022 on the final draft of the update to the Council Plan 2019-24. [Decision Notice](#)

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the updated Council Plan attached at [Appendix 3a](#) to the Executive agenda, with immediate effect until 31 December 2024.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 In the Autumn of last year it was agreed that an updated Council Plan should be developed, reflecting the impact of the pandemic on our priority areas and to outline progress against the key ambitions and commitments which were made in the original plan. The update does not serve as a replacement for the Council Plan, but offers residents and stakeholders an insight in to the key developments and progress which has occurred since publication in 2019. The current draft reflects the work undertaken thus far to progress this updated version.

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

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

### 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 The Council could make amendments to the Council Plan.

### 5.0 Council Priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”
- “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

5.2 Alongside our headline priorities above, the updated Council Plan details key activity in terms of the Council’s own organisational resilience.

## 6.0 Background Information

6.1 The original Council Plan, 2019-2024, was published in 2019 following approval at the Council meeting on 30 January 2019. Many crucial changes and developments have happened since then. For example, the Council has declared a climate emergency and published its Climate Change Action Plan; the Council has responded positively to an intervention in Children’s Services; and the world has been gripped by the Covid-19 pandemic, turning lives and services upside down, with the Council leading the way in a remarkable public service response since March 2020.

6.2 As the worst of the pandemic looks to be over, it is time to update the Council Plan, charting the extraordinary progress the Council has made on many key priorities despite the impact of Covid-19. The update to the plan does not change the Council’s headline priorities or key defined actions of the adopted plan, but there are some important alterations and additions to the original. They are:

- Communities now precedes economy in the structure of the plan
- Inclusion of work to address the Climate Emergency
- Important detail about the Council’s pandemic response and approach to recovery

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## 7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 [Appendix 3a: Council Plan 2019-24: Progress Update](#)  
[Appendix 6b: Executive Decision Notice EX11/2022](#) Updated Council Plan from the meeting of the Executive on 24 February 2022

## 8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 The updated Council Plan was developed in line with the Council’s updated Medium Term Financial Sustainability Strategy (MTFSS).

## 9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

**10.0 Risk Management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 These are described in the plan.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 The updated Council Plan features the Council's headline activity to deliver on the Climate Emergency.

**13.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

13.1 The plan is based on the findings of consultation undertaken for the previous plan.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None.