

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment)**

**Date: 20 December 2017**

**Subject: Services Best Council Plan Refresh for 2018/19-2020/21 – Initial Proposals**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. On 13 December 2017 the Executive Board is due to consider an approach for refreshing the Best Council Plan. The Budget and Policy Framework defines a process which includes referral to Scrutiny for consideration. The Executive Board report is appended which fully details the initial proposals.
2. The appended Best Council Plan initial proposal provides a full overview of the council's priorities and ambitions to provide context, however the focus of Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) is in relation to the areas defined in the Scrutiny Boards terms of reference. The City Development Corporate Plan for 2017/18 is provided as appendix 2 to provide an example of how the Best Council Plan is then translated into departmental priorities.

3. It is proposed that much of the current 2017/18 Best Council Plan is retained but with further refinement of the council's priorities and associated key performance indicators through consultation with elected members and staff. This refinement will be based on a number of considerations including the most significant city strategies and plans, most notably the draft Leeds Inclusive Growth Strategy 2017-23<sup>1</sup> and the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21.
4. The Scrutiny Board will have the opportunity at its meeting to raise any specific area of concern or questions with regard to the initial proposals that fall within its area. Any conclusions, observations and recommendations that are made by Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) will be fed back to Executive Board prior to the revised Best Council Plan being referred to full Council. Each Scrutiny Board will be undertaking a similar level of focus for their defined areas of responsibility.
5. The Director of City Development and a representative from the Resources and Housing Directorate has been invited to present the Best Council Plan initial proposals and address any further questions from the Board.

## **Recommendations**

The Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure and Investment) is recommended to:

- a) Consider the appended report and the Best Council Plan initial proposals and provide input to help shape the emerging Best Council Plan.
- b) Make recommendations for consideration by Executive Board as deemed appropriate.

## **Background documents**

None<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.leedsgrowthstrategy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/LEEDS-GROWTH-STRATEGY-DOCUMENT-JULY-2017-Web.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.