

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 NOVEMBER 2016
DISCUSSION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION
REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY AND RESOURCES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 An opportunity to hear from the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration on his key priorities, objectives in 2016/17 and current challenges, with a focus on the budget.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information received at the meeting from Councillor Graham Chapman, Deputy Leader/Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration, to inform questioning.

3 Background information

- 3.1 On 9 November 2015, the Council Plan was formally approved by Full Council and this will guide the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of its key priorities for the city over the next four years to 2019.
- 3.2 Each Portfolio Holder has been consulted on the deliverables in their area and the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration will attend the Committee to outline his overall vision for his executive portfolio, with a focus on the budget.
- 3.3 In the Council Plan 2015-19, Councillor Graham Chapman identified the following:
- aims over the next 4 years:
 - develop sites across neighbourhoods, providing access to jobs, services and housing;
 - deliver a balanced budget every year;
 - expand further the Council's commercial activity in order to reduce the impact of Government cuts on jobs and services;
 - key things that will be done:
 - create 3,000 high quality jobs through developing sites, including the Medipark, the Boots campus, BioCity, and the Imperial Tobacco site;
 - debt and benefit advice, and the Credit Union as an alternative to pay day lending and loan sharks;

- use land and commercial resources effectively to generate additional income of at least £7million a year in order to protect front line services.
- 3.4 Since 2011, the portfolio has achieved the following:
- secured over 350 jobs at Asda and Northgate, with the capacity for a further 140 jobs located at Northgate and the recently opened Southglade Food Park;
 - protected frontline services through:
 - effective management of the budget;
 - generating income and reducing costs through a successful commercialism agenda;
 - ensuring Nottingham City Council has the lowest number of redundancies of any major city council.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration – Council Plan 2015-2019

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None.

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 None.

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All.

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