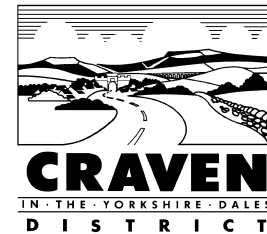


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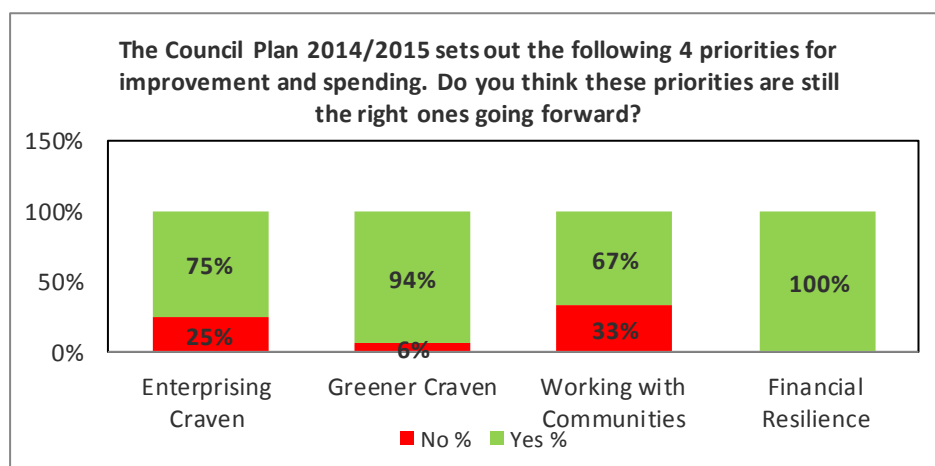
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Report of the Strategic Manager Financial Services (S151 Officer)

To present the Council Plan 2015-2018 for approval.

1. **Recommendation** Members are recommended to:
 - 1.1. Approve the Council Plan 2015-2018 and give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to approve the design and format of the document for final publication, amend milestones for each action as required and agree performance indicators that will be used to measure progress.
2. **Purpose of the Council Plan**
 - 2.1. The Council Plan sets out the Council’s agenda for improving service delivery to Craven communities, and organisational change. The updated Plan covers the period to 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2018. The plan focuses on the Council’s top priorities for improvement. It does not include everything the Council will do.
 - 2.2. The Plan sets out the Council’s vision and priorities for the next 3 years. It details the actions and projects to be delivered by the Council against its priorities in delivering and improving services.
3. **Council Plan Development**
 - 3.1. The plan for 2015/2018 has been developed following a review of the current 2014/2018 Council Plan in consultation with CLT, Council Leadership Team, and Lead Members.
 - 3.2. Specific consultation has not been undertaken on the Plan; however the 2015/2016 Budget Consultation included a question on the Council’s current priorities. Consultees were asked ‘Do you think these priorities are still the right ones for 2015/18?’ Yes, No, Don’t Know. The majority of respondents stated ‘yes’ that the current priorities of Enterprising Craven, Empowering Communities, Greener Craven and Financial Resilience were the right ones for 2015/2018 onwards. The detailed results of this question are shown below.

Results of Budget Consultation Question



4. Council Vision, Priorities and Actions

- 4.1. The proposed vision, priorities, actions and milestones are contained in the Plan.
- 4.2. Members are recommended to approve the Council Plan 2015-2018 and give delegated authority to the Chief Executive to approve the design and format of the document for final publication, adjust milestones for each action as required and agree performance indicators that will be used to measure progress.

5. Implications

5.1. Financial and Value for Money (vfm) Implications

None arising directly from this report. However, the successful achievement of the Council Plan is dependent on the financial and other resources available to the Council. The Council aims to ensure that resources are targeted to deliver its priorities. The ongoing development of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) is informed by a process of service and financial planning and review. This will ensure that over time budgets are fully aligned to focus on the delivery of the priorities set out in the Council Plan.

5.2. Legal Implications

The Council Plan is subject to approval by Members in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5.3. Contribution to Council Priorities

The Council Plan sets out the Council's intentions in relation to the delivery of its priorities.

5.4. Risk Management

None arising directly from this report.

5.5. Equality Analysis

It is considered that the Council Plan does not have the potential to cause negative impact or discriminate against different groups in the community based on age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

Equality issues arising from the implementation of each action contained in the Plan will be further considered as required by those responsible at implementation stage.

6. Consultations with Others

Community via Budget Consultation
 Corporate Leadership Team (CLT)
 Member Leadership Team
 Service Managers responsible for implementing Council Plan actions

7. Access to Information: Background Documents

Consultation Results
 Relevant minutes of CLT and Member Leadership Team

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9. Appendices

Appendix A - Council Plan 2015 – 2018