

Workforce Strategy

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Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	Enabling
Key Decision / Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS: -

1.1 The Executive Committee is asked to RESOLVE that

The approach taken by the Chief Executive, as Head of Paid Service, to address the Workforce Strategy be endorsed.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council's Workforce Strategy has been developed by taking into consideration our Council Plan and by focusing on ensuring we have a workforce that is fit for the future. The strategy links to and supports the Council's strategic priorities by identifying what the workforce needs to look like and how it needs to operate to deliver better outcomes for our communities.
- 2.2 The strategy helps provide direction to ensure that the organisation has the right people, with the right skills, in the right place, at the right level and at the right cost. The Workforce Strategy also aligns with our Customer and Digital Strategy and our Agile Policy to ensure the workforce has the tools to do their jobs effectively, can work flexibly and be responsive to customer needs.

2.3 The Workforce Strategy is essential in making sure the organisation can deliver the Council Plan and Strategic Priorities.

2.4 In order to deliver the direction needed, the strategy highlights the following three key themes:

- **Workforce Planning and Talent Management** - the way we secure and retain the workforce that we need now and in the future, whilst achieving an increasingly diverse workforce where everyone's contribution is recognised and valued.
- **Engagement** - the ways employees are motivated and engaged in the delivery of the Councils' Strategic Purposes.
- **Health, Safety and Wellbeing** – the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff is important, and we will strive to provide a safe and healthy working environment that promotes everyone's wellbeing. We will focus on helping staff to make better choices, change behaviours and better manage their overall wellbeing.

3. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

The strategy will ensure we have a clear approach to how we will manage and develop our current and future workforce.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications other than those that may relate to specific activities referred to in the strategy. Any additional budget requirements will be explored through budget bids or business cases at the appropriate time.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications.

6. OTHER - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

6.1 The Workforce Strategy sets out the Council's vision and aspirations for its workforce, both now and in the future. In doing so it recognises the importance of our staff as a resource central to our success in delivering our strategic purposes and services to our communities.

Climate Change Implications

- 6.2 As agile working becomes more commonplace and the use of digital technology more important, the council will need to be open to adopting new ways of working which may reduce the requirement for travel thus supporting the councils green agenda.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

As we implement the strategy due consideration will be given to equality and diversity implications. However, it is recognised that a diverse workforce is more likely to understand our customers' needs and support the development of innovative ideas to fulfil those needs.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 N/A

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix One: The Workforce Strategy

9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Cllr K. Ashley	26/10/2022
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