

## Edinburgh 2007: Corporate Plan

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

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#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To report on progress on the Council's corporate plan, within the context of the Edinburgh 2007 change programme.

#### 2. Main report

- 2.1 I reported to the Council last year on the Council Review 2007 programme. The high level objective of the programme is:
- to undertake a comprehensive review of the Council's role, strategic direction and approach to service delivery.
- 2.2 The scope of the review approved by the Council covers:
- The changing city environment
  - The budgetary prospects for the Council and the best way to use future resources
  - The Council's relationship with its customers, citizens and partners and how the community process can support this
  - The potential for information and communications technology to transform services
  - Potential integrated and joined-up working across the Council, at neighbourhood level and with partners
  - How to generate significant sustainable improvements in performance supported by a performance culture within the organisation
  - The potential for organisational changes to deliver improvements, including how the political management arrangements support effective local governance

- The impact of changes to the Council's infrastructure during 2003-2007, particularly in relation to accommodation and ICT
- The challenges presented by both national priorities, such as the Modernising Government agenda, and local political priorities
- The change capacity of the Council, taking account of already existing commitments, particularly the ICT programme and the Strategic Work Programme

2.3 The intention is to tackle the review in two phases. The first phase is centred around the City Vision work and the Council's corporate plan. The second phase will be completed and reported to the Council within approximately six months.

2.4 The City Vision report is before the Council today for approval. This has required a dedicated and substantial staff input to achieve completion over a period including the Council election.

2.5 The Corporate Plan is virtually complete but requires final editing and presentation. A survey of corporate plans in other local authorities has been undertaken and the Edinburgh Corporate Plan takes account of best practice elsewhere. It is short in length, sets the context for departmental service plans and provides the overall framework for the Administration's manifesto commitments to be addressed. It focuses on performance management, service quality and service integration.

2.6 I intend to provide draft copies of the Corporate Plan to each of the political groups within the next week at the latest. The plan will then be submitted to the August meeting of the Council for final determination.

### 3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- note the progress to date on the Corporate Plan; and
- note that the final version will be submitted to the Council at its next meeting.



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Appendices

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Wards affected

Background  
Papers