

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6	
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	
Date	16 JANUARY 2012
Title	DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2012-15

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

For the Overview and Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the Draft Corporate Plan 2012-15.

2. KEY ISSUES

- The Draft Corporate Plan 2012-15 identifies our key challenges and opportunities for Fenland over the next three years. We are committed, along with our partners, to work with residents, community groups, and businesses to overcome the key challenges in the district and seize upon any opportunities to improve quality of life for local residents and make Fenland a great place to live, work and visit for years to come.
- As with all public sector agencies, the Council faces serious financial challenges within the foreseeable future and will continue to be taking some tough decisions. During these difficult financial times, we will maintain our commitment to providing excellent customer service and endeavour to minimise the effect on frontline services.
- Although the current financial situation is difficult, there are still opportunities for the Council, with its partners, to make a difference within the district. This includes exciting partnership projects such as South Fens Business Centre Phase 2 extension, College of West Anglia engineering skills centre and new Chatteris Leisure facilities.
- The Council also continues to be ambitious on behalf of residents through the Neighbourhood Planning Project. Fenland District Council with its partners has developed a proactive and aspirational vision which will provide the catalyst for a successful and vibrant future for Fenland. This work has culminated in the production of the Fenland Communities Development Plan, the Council’s draft Core Strategy which looks to ensure the future prosperity of the District through a positive and sustainable approach to growth which will also contribute to improving quality of life for all Fenland residents.
- The Council is currently consulting on the key issues for Fenland residents and the Draft Corporate Plan in the form of a questionnaire which asks residents what issues are of most importance to them. This consultation runs from 6 January-3 February 2012 and is available via the Fenland @ your service shops, leisure centres, business centres and the Council’s website.

- The Final Corporate Plan will be considered by Cabinet and Council on 1 March 2012 incorporating feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and from residents.

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)

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Wards Affected	All
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Background Paper(s)	Medium Financial Strategy and General Fund Budget 2012-13