

Report to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of Meeting	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Portfolio	Neighbourhoods, Community & Culture
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**Townships Plan 2020-2022**

**1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2022 has now been agreed. The process included carrying out a review of the Council's values and behaviours which are now **Proud, Passionate, Pioneering** and **Open**.
- 1.2 In line with the new Corporate Plan, the Townships Plan 2020–2022 has been developed around the following priorities: **Prosperous People and Places**.
- 1.3 Township Chairs and Vice Chairs worked with the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods, Community and Culture to produce the new Townships Plan.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Members note the detail included in the Townships Plan 2020-2022 appended to this report (Appendix A).
- 2.2 That Members note that the plan has been developed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Township Chairs and Vice Chairs in line with priorities identified in the Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2022.
- 2.3 Members are asked to approve the plan to allow the Townships to focus on local priorities in line with the Council's key priorities – **Prosperous People and Places**.

**3. Reason for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members were consulted on development of a new Townships Plan following the introduction of the new Corporate Plan.
- 3.2 The Townships Plan identifies priorities determined by each Township's Councillors as a focus for action over the next two years. This plan gathers aspirations and ideas together as a focus for decision makers, Council Services, partner agencies and the voluntary and community sector active in the Rochdale Borough.

- 3.3 The Townships Plan 2017-2019 is due to expire. The Townships Plan 2020-2022 includes objectives identified to meet the priorities identified by each of the five Townships. It will also guide and direct and detail the use of devolved budgets, including Township Revenue Funds, for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.
- 3.4 The Townships Plan forms part of the Council's policy framework. The plan is a live document that can evolve and change to meet new opportunities and initiatives, and can be updated to reflect changes as we move forward.

<b>4. Key Points for Consideration</b>
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- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. Township funds are monitored on a monthly basis and financial monitoring reports will continue to be presented to future committees on a regular basis.

<b>5. Risk and Policy Implications</b>
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- 5.1 There are no specific risk issues for Members to consider arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising as a result of this proposal.

<b>6. Consultation</b>
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- 6.1 Portfolio Holder, Township Chairs, Township Vice Chairs and Township Committees:  
 Heywood  
 Middleton  
 Pennines  
 Rochdale North  
 Rochdale South

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
None	N/A

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