AGENDA ITEM NO 7
REPORT NO 431/11

ANGUS COUNCIL
STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE – 14 JUNE 2011
CORPORATE PLAN 2011-15
REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT
This report seeks formal adoption of a corporate plan for the council for the period 2011-15.

1 RECOMMENDATION
The Committee formally agree to adopt the corporate plan 2011-15 as attached.

2 BACKGROUND
At the meeting of Angus Council on 10 June 2010 it was agreed to develop a new corporate plan for the council for the period 2011-15.

Informed by the outcomes from development sessions held with senior managers and elected members a draft corporate plan was submitted to and approved by this committee on 1 February 2011.

The committee also agreed to conduct a public consultation exercise on the content of the draft plan and a media campaign was undertaken to inform the public that the council was seeking views on the content of the draft corporate plan and advising on how the public could get access to, and respond to, the draft plan. The draft plan was made available to the public within libraries and ACCESS offices and through the council’s website. It was also sent direct to community councils, local area partnerships and trade unions.

3 CORPORATE PLAN 2011-15
Following completion of the public consultation exercise the corporate plan 2011-15 had been finalised and is now attached for formal adoption by this committee.

The plan sets out the vision, values, priorities and key areas of work on which the council will focus over the period.

It provides a framework for elected members, employees, partners and the Angus community setting out what we want to achieve, how we organise ourselves to achieve our ambitions and how we hold ourselves to account.

It is also designed to reflect our role as lead in the Angus Community Planning Partnership and the important contribution which we make as an organisation towards achievement of the outcomes agreed by the partnership.

As agreed by this committee in February the vision, values and priorities within the corporate plan are those we have agreed with our partners within the partnership and the areas of work which we as a council will focus on over the period of the plan as outlined against each priority have been designed to contribute towards achievement of the outcomes agreed by the partnership.

Members are asked to note that the ‘Managing Our Business’ section of the plan which deals with ourselves as an organisation and how we manage our business is a new addition to the corporate plan. It is designed to give assurance to the public and our partners that as an organisation we are an efficient business with sound planning and performance arrangements.
It should also be noted that the plan does not contain actions. The purpose of the plan is to set out our strategic direction. Specific actions required to achieve our stated outcomes will be planned and delivered by services and agreed by service committees year on year in service improvement plans and through the annual budget setting process. Similarly actions to improve our business, planning and performance arrangements will be outlined within our corporate improvement plan.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
There are no financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS
There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

6 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS
The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

7 SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT
The corporate plan outlines the contribution which the council will make to support achievements for the local outcomes contained within the Single Outcome Agreement for Angus.

8 CONSULTATION
The Director of Corporate Services, Head of Finance and Head of Law and Administration have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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NOTE  No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.