

EX130. Council of the Future

The Executive considered a progress report by the Chief Executive on the Council of the Future framework.

On 7 December 2016, Council agreed to adopt the Council of the Future framework (ref FC55). It is intended that savings from the five year change programme will feed through to the 2018/19 budget and beyond.

The report detailed the initial phases of the programme. The first, from January to May 2017, focussed on readiness and engagement with stakeholders (including employees and elected members). In terms of readiness, a Council of the Future Board was established in January 2017. The Board, which includes the Leaders of the Council and the Opposition, will oversee the projects which are designed to deliver the necessary changes to achieve the Council's priorities.

A Change Group, comprising chief officers and project managers has also been set up. It is responsible for delivery of the projects. Services will be supported by a programme management office (PMO) and three programme management co-ordinators have been recruited to provide support to Services. It is also proposed that Improvement Groups will be established although their role has yet to be fully defined.

The second phase, vision and implementation, will begin after the local government elections in May 2017 and the programme will align with the priorities of the new Council's corporate plan.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted progress made on the Council of the Future framework of change; and**
- (2) agreed that an update report will be submitted to the Executive.**