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## COUNCIL

**Date:** 25 April 2022

**Title:** Five Year Plan and Objectives

**Purpose of the Report:**

To consider recommendations from standing committees in respect of the document.

**Contact Officer:**

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<b>Corporate Objective/s</b>	n/a	
<b>Implications:</b>		
<b>Financial</b>	Yes	Funding for objectives primarily as set out in the Council's Five Year Financial Plan
<b>Human Resources</b>	No	
<b>Operational/Service delivery</b>	Yes	Objectives delivered through annual committee work plans alongside delivery of core operations, statutory obligations and planned projects/activities.
<b>Procedural/Legal</b>	Yes	LLTC is eligible to use the General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011)
<b>Risk/Health and Safety</b>	No	
<b>Environmental Aims</b>	Yes	Some objectives are linked to environmental and sustainability agendas.

### 1 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To consider approval of the attached amendments (shown in red) to the current Five Year Plan and Objectives as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee on 11 April 2022.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Town Council adopted its current Five Year Plan and Objectives in January 2019, based largely on projects and activities within the council's direct control and legal powers. Council objectives were further discussed and reviewed in September 2019 and in September 2020. A mid-term update to document wording was agreed in July 2021.
- 2.2 Five Year Plan objectives are underpinned by the Council's five year financial plan (last updated November 2021) and delivered in more detail via the annual work plans of standing committees (alongside ongoing operational delivery of core services, statutory functions, priorities arising from the annual risk register and any other Motions/projects/activities agreed by Council/committee).
- 2.3 Priority aspirations for the parish for which the Town Council has no statutory responsibility or matters which it cannot deliver alone are set out in the Partnership Project List, last updated January 2022. This includes for example aspirations in respect of policing, healthcare provision, bus services, leisure, town centre improvements and a cultural and community facility.  
The Partnership Project List was presented to Central Bedfordshire Council via the Partnership (Joint) Committee in February 2022 and a response is awaited.
- 2.4 At its meeting held 29 November 2021, Council received a document presented by the Liberal Democrat group proposing significant changes to the Five Year Plan and Objectives. Council resolved to use the document as a basis for review by standing committees.
- 2.5 Standing committees reviewed their sections of the document at meetings held between 7 March 2022 – 11 April 2022.
- 2.6 Some specific changes in content/wording were recommended by the Planning & Transport Committee and the Cultural & Economic Committee.
- 2.7 No changes in content were recommended by the Grounds & Environmental Committee or the Policy & Finance Committee, other than the addition of more detail where possible. It was also suggested that the completed objectives be shaded differently. These changes have now been actioned.
- 2.8 The **attached** document sets out proposed changes as recommended by standing committees, with a final recommendation for approval made unanimously by those present and voting at the Policy & Finance Committee on 11 April 2022.

**End.**