

# BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

## PUBLIC REPORT

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>	
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>17 NOVEMBER 2015</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2020 FUTURE COUNCIL VISION</b>	
<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref: 980-2015</b>	
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>O&amp;S Chairman approved</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s) or Relevant Executive Member for Local Services:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	

### 1. Purpose of report:

- 1.1 This report presents an initial 2020 Future Council Vision prepared by Cabinet to stimulate wider engagement and debate
- 1.2 The Vision has been prepared as part of the Future Council programme
- 1.3 The Vision presents the priorities of the City Council and is part of the Action Plan agreed with the Improvement Panel – Leadership and Strategy – Vision – “providing clarity of purpose as an organisation : one vision, one set of priorities and one plan” (Organisational Improvement Action Plan May 2015)

### 2. Decisions recommended:

- 2.1 Members of the Cabinet are recommended to approve the 2020 Future Council Vision for publication

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### 3. Consultation

- 3.1 Internal – all Cabinet Members have been directly involved in the preparation of this Vision and recent consultation work with the workforce of the City Council has contributed to the development of the Vision.
- 3.2 External – a programme of community engagement is taking place and this Vision will be part of future work with stakeholders on the Council Budget and Business Plan.

#### **4. Compliance Issues:**

##### **4.1 Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?**

The Vision is consistent with previously published commitments within the Leader's Policy Statement (June 2015) and Council Budget and Business Plan (March 2015). It aims to set out a clear single statement of the highest priorities of the Council which will underpin decision making and the Council's role in working with partners.

##### **4.2 Financial Implications**

The Vision is presented in the context of the City Council's challenging financial context as set out in the Long Term Financial Strategy.

##### **4.3 Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications.

##### **4.4 Public Sector Equality Duty**

The Vision reinforces the Council's commitment to addressing inequality and therefore supports the achievement of Public Sector Equality Duty.

#### **5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:**

5.1 In December 2014 Lord Kerslake published The way forward: an independent review of the governance and organisational capabilities of Birmingham City Council. Sir Albert Bore, Leader of Birmingham City Council and the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government had asked Lord Kerslake to conduct the independent review.

5.2 Alongside the recommendations in the Kerslake report relating to action Birmingham City Council should take, Lord Kerslake recommended that the Secretary of State appoint an independent improvement Panel to work with the council to provide robust challenge and support.

5.3 The Improvement Panel was set up in January 2015. Its members are John Crabtree OBE (chair), Frances Done CBE (vice chair), Cllr Keith Wakefield (former leader of Leeds City Council), and Steve Robinson (chief executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council). Sir Mike Tomlinson, as children's services commissioner for Birmingham, is an ex-officio member.

5.4 This draft vision statement is a key document that outlines what the council's aims are and how the Council is going to operate over the next five years.

<b>6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):</b>
6.1 None

<b>7. Reasons for Decision(s):</b>
7.1 The Vision describes the highest priorities of the City Council to inform decision making and work with our partners

<b>Signatures</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Council Leader	
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Chief Executive	
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<b>List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:</b>

<b>List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):</b>
1. 2020 Future Council Vision
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