

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**

**18 July 2024**

**Productivity Plan**

**Report of Councillor J Birkin, Portfolio Holder for Council Services**

**Classification:** Open

**Report By:** Director of Growth and Assets

**Contact Officer:** M Broughton

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To seek approval from Cabinet to adopt the proposed Productivity Plan and publish in line with government expectations.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That Cabinet agree the Productivity Plan in Appendix B and publish to both the Government department and on the Council's website.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder – Cllr Birkin, Cabinet Member for Council Services

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

There are no direct financial considerations or risks associated with this report.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:**

There are no direct legal considerations or risks associated with this report.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Staffing:**    Yes             No

**Details:**

There are no direct staffing considerations or risks associated with this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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**DECISION INFORMATION**

<b>Decision Information</b>	
<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>NEDDC:</b> <b>Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b> <b>SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></b>	Yes  Details:

<b>Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.</b>
Continually improve Council services to deliver excellence and value for money.

**REPORT DETAILS**

**1    Background (reasons for bringing the report)**

- 1.1    On the 16 April 2024 the Council received a letter from the Minister for Local Government (Appendix A), requesting the Council develop a Productivity Plan, considering questions raised in the letter, and return the plan to the former Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and publish on the Council's website.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 Appendix B contains the proposed Productivity Plan for consideration by Cabinet.
- 2.2 The plan has been developed considering the Council's current position and future aspiration. Consultation has taken place with Senior Management Team with buy-in from all Council departments.

## **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Whilst the timing of the Productivity Plan has been dictated by Government, the intent of the plan aligns with the Council's own improvement plans identified through the Council Plan and the emerging Engagement and Improvement Strategy. The Council are committed to listening to customers, analysing data and reviewing processes to improve services, providing feedback and transparency to residents and members through the Annual Report. We have strong partnerships and peer-to-peer learning across the public sector including shared services, co-location, leadership boards and Derbyshire wide collaborations on finance, leisure, climate change, housing, etc.
- 3.2 The Productivity Plan provides a 'snapshot' of where we are against the questions raised by the Minister however, it is a useful document for the Council too.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 Do nothing – The Council could choose not to publish a Productivity Plan but this would be ignoring the request of the government department and given the Plan has been produced (Appendix B) there would be little or no value in this approach.

## **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
A	Letter from the Minister
B	Proposed Productivity Plan
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	