

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Finance, Governance and Asset Management committee
Meeting date	5 March 2024
Report author	Responsible Finance Officer / Town Clerk
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Strategic Plan 2020-2024

1. **Purpose of the Report**

- (i) To NOTE the expiry of the current Strategic Plan in December 2024.
- (ii) To APPROVE the recommendation by the Town Clerk/RFO to arrange a strategy day so the council can agree their Strategic Plan and Key Objectives for 2025-2029.

2. **Summary**

The current plan expires in December 2024, the council need to prepare a new plan moving beyond 2024, to 2025-2029.

Recommendation that Midas Training be instructed to undertake the facilitation.

3. **Action required**

The committee is requested to:

- (i) NOTE the expiry of the current Strategic Plan in December 2024.
- (ii) APPROVE the recommendation by the Town Clerk/RFO to arrange a strategy day so the Council can agree their Strategic Plan and Key Objectives for 2025-2029.

This requires a proposer, a seconder and a vote.

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

Key Objectives 1-4

- 1. To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
- 2. To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.

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3. To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
4. To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

5. **Key information and options**

The current plan expires in December 2024, therefore the council needs to start preparing its Strategic Plan and Key Objectives for 2025 onwards.

This will include deciding which projects fit into the key objectives and a corporate plan on how we will facilitate those projects.

I would recommend a focused strategy day on deciding the forward plan and key objectives after December 2024, along with a strategy on how we will deliver them.

We have previously used Midas Training; the committee is asked to approve reappointment of Midas or if they wish the Town Clerk to source an alternative facilitator.

6. **Climate change/green implications**

None.

7. **Financial/budget implications**

To manage the council's finances and assets efficiently and effectively.

8. **HR implications**

None.

9. **Consultation implications**

I consider that there are no matters within the report on which we should consult

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

APPENDIX A – Strategic Plan 2020-2024

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Town Clerk/RFO
28 February 2024