



ALL SERVICE COMMITTEES
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POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLANS 2014/15

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Members' approval of the Comhairle's draft departmental business plans 2014/15.

COMPETENCE

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial or other constraints to the recommendations being implemented.

SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Outer Hebrides Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-23 provides the basis for the Comhairle's Corporate Strategy 2012-17 and the Comhairle's Service Business Plans 2014/15.
- 2.2 The SOA, the Corporate Strategy and the Comhairle's business plans are now more closely aligned which should assist more effective reporting of the SOA to Scottish Government and of the Corporate Strategy and business plans to the Comhairle.
- 2.3 Service business plans are also expected to be more aligned with SPI 1 and 2 (Accounts Commission) and SOLACE SPI 3 (the Local Government Benchmarking Framework).
- 2.4 The Comhairle continues to provide quarterly progress Reports against its business plans throughout the year and these also provide the underpinning information for the performance presentations to Service Committees and Policy and Resources Committee by the Chief Executive and Directors. These detailed quarterly progress reports can be accessed at:
<http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/cxdir/executiveoffice/performance/index.asp>
- 2.5 All service business plans are input on Interplan, the Comhairle's online business planning and performance reporting system, and Elected Members are encouraged to access Interplan periodically as it would improve further the quality of scrutiny and challenge they are able to provide. Interplan can be accessed as follows:
<http://interplan.cammanagementsolutions.co.uk/>.
- 2.6 Draft business plans 2014/15 have been submitted for six departments. These are in the Appendix to the Report and can also be accessed at:
<http://187.187.1.42//INTERNET/cxdir/executiveoffice/corporatepolicy/servicebusinessplans.asp>

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle approve the draft departmental business plans 2014/15.**

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Appendix: Draft Departmental Business Plans 2014/15