



ALL SERVICE COMMITTEES:  
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## **DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18**

Report by Chief Executive

**PURPOSE OF REPORT** To seek Members approval of the Comhairle's draft departmental business plans for 2017/18.

### **COMPETENCE**

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

### **SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Outer Hebrides Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013–2023 provides the basis for the Comhairle's Corporate Strategy 2012-17 and the Comhairle's business plans. Their close alignment aids effective reporting of the SOA to the Scottish Government and of the Corporate Strategy and business plans to the Comhairle.
- 2.2 To ensure continuous improvement the Corporate Management Team (CMT) at its September 2014 meeting approved the Comhairle's Service Business Plan (SBP) Guidance 2015-17. The three year SBPs that were aligned to the Corporate Strategy 2012-17 evidence ongoing viability and demonstrate how the strategic objectives of the Corporate Strategy will be met to 31 March 2017.
- 2.3 The Comhairle will be reviewing the Corporate Strategy in 2017 in light of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the election of a new council. To maintain continuous improvement, CMT at its October 2016 meeting approved the extension of the Comhairle's SBPs to 2018 to conclude a four year business plan.
- 2.4 The Comhairle continues to provide quarterly progress reports against its service business plans throughout the year and these also provide the underpinning information of performance reporting by the Chief Executive and Directors to Service Committees and the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 2.5 The draft business plans for 2017/18 have been submitted for five departments and will be made available to the public, at:  
<http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/cxdir/executiveoffice/performance/servicebusinessplans.asp>
- 2.6 Cùram is Slàinte (Health and Social Care Partnership) will report to the Integration Joint Board (IJB).

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle approve the Draft Departmental Business Plans for 2017/18.**

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Appendices: Draft Departmental Business Plans 2017/18