

**PAPER NO.11**

**REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

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**Status:** Decision

**Title:** Delivering the Vision and Priorities for the District of  
Harborough

**Originator:** Leader of the Council

**Where from:**

**Where to  
next:** Council

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1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To consider the proposed Vision and Priorities for the District of Harborough. This will provide the foundation and direction for the Council moving forward.

2 Recommendations:

**R 2.1 The proposed Vision and Priorities as set out in Appendix A and detailed in this report be endorsed and recommended for adoption by Council.**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 To ensure that the Council has a clear direction moving forward so that it can be translated into service delivery .

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 The Localism agenda has as an aspiration the creation of well informed communities that are self reliant and sustainable. The adoption of a clear vision and related priorities focusing on what the communities want to achieve will promote this.

5 Key Facts

5.1 The Council is currently facing a number of challenges and opportunities. The Comprehensive Spending Review poses a number of difficult and challenging financial implications for all local authorities and this Council must look at service delivery and how it could be adapted to mitigate the challenging financial circumstances we find ourselves in.

5.2 There are also opportunities with the “Big Society” and Localism agenda for authorities to look at delivering services in different ways. To help this

authority achieve that it needs to have in place a Vision and priorities to reflect the potential future changes. This Vision needs to be based upon the priorities it wants to deliver and the direction that the authority wants to take in the future.

- 5.3 To this end an initial draft vision and priorities was formulated by myself in consultation with Members of the Conservative Group and the draft Vision was presented to Management Board on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
- 5.4 Prior to that, on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011, the draft Vision and Priorities was presented to a meeting of the Conservative Group for consultation and comment. Those comments received were subsequently included within the draft vision and the amended draft was presented to an All Staff Briefing on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011.
- 5.5 Feedback was given following this presentation which culminated in future amendments to the draft. A further revision of the vision and priorities was sent to all Members of the Conservative Group on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and a final draft was circulated to all Members of the Conservative Group on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011, which is the final version attached as Appendix A to this report.

## 6 Legal Issues

- 6.1 There are none in this report.

## 7 Resource Issues

- 7.1 None arising out of this report however the vision and priorities will link in with whatever plans are made for the future of the Council

## 8 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

- 8.1 None carried out for this report

## 9 Impact on the Organisation

- 9.1 The Council should adopt a vision to underpin the values of the organisation and to demonstrate to external partners the future direction of the Council

## 10 Community Safety Implications

- 10.1 None as far as this report is concerned

## 11. Carbon Management Implications

- 11.1 None as far as this report is concerned

## 12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None as far as this report is concerned.

13 Consultation

13.1 Consultation has been carried out with both members and staff culminating in a presentation to all staff on 28 September 2011. The comments received have been reflected in the final draft of the Vision attached at Appendix A.

13.2 Consultation will need to be carried out with the wider community and other stakeholders, including other councils and the voluntary sector.

15 Background Papers

15.1 None

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**Previous report(s): no**

**Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: /N**

**Ward Members Notified: /N**

**Appendices:** *list any appendices here including title and filename in brackets (e.g. Performance Data 2010 (perfdata.doc)).*

**A. Vision and Priorities**

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