

COMMITTEE: CENTRAL AREA **REF NO:** CAC/23/08
DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2023
SUBJECT: CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE
AREA ACTION PLAN
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Short description of report content and the decision requested:

The priorities of the Central Area Committee Area Action Plan need to be reviewed for the 2023/24 Municipal Year. The Committee is asked to use its knowledge of the needs and issues specific to the Central Area to agree an Area Action Plan for the year.

List of Appendices included in this report:

- 1) Central Area Committee Area Action Plan Proforma for 2023/24
- 2) Demographic information relating to Alexandra, St Margaret's and Westgate wards

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This report was prepared after consultation with:

Consultation will be undertaken as part of the 6 September 2023 Central Area Committee meeting.

The following policies form a context to this report:

(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)

Corporate Strategy: Proud of Ipswich – Championing our Community and Revitalising our Town

1. Item of business and issues for consideration

- 1.1 This report recommends that the Central Area Committee determines its priorities for the 2023/24 municipal year and adopts them as its Area Action Plan.
- 1.2 Priorities provide the basis of an action plan that will enable the Area Committee to clearly communicate its vision and priorities for the area and will help demonstrate how its budget is being allocated to deliver the priorities set for the Area.
- 1.3 Demographic information relating to the 3 wards of Central Ipswich is contained in Appendix 2.

2. Links to Area Action Plan

- 2.1 This proposal is to adopt the Area Action Plan and is linked to the Council's Corporate Strategy: Proud of Ipswich – Championing our Community and Revitalising our Town.

3. Financial implications

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 The Area Committee Terms of Reference within the Council Constitution (Part 3, Section 2) requires that "Each Area Committee shall adopt and thereafter review annually an Area Action Plan that identifies its local priorities." (Paragraph 6.2.2)
- 4.2 The Area Committee is required to review the Area Action Plan within the year.

5. Risks considered

Risk Description	Consequence of risk	Risk Controls	Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1: almost impossible - 6: very high)	Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (1: negligible - 4: catastrophic)
Area Action Plan not adopted.	The Area Committee would be relying on the priorities set in 2022, which may not reflect the Committee's current priorities.	Area Action Plan proposal	2	3
Actions to mitigate risk	Adoption of the Area Committee Action Plan would negate the risk.			

6. Options

6.1 Option 1 – Determine the Area Committee's priorities and adopt the Action Plan.

6.2 Option 2 – Defer the Action Plan for further consultation.

7. Record of Decision taken

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8. Exemption from call in (if applicable)

I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

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Signed.....

Chair of the Central Area Committee