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Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	6 December 2017
Report by:	Chief Executive

Subject:	Recommendation Referred by the Executive Committee – New Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

allow consideration of the following recommendation referred to the Council by the Executive Committee held on 8 November 2017:-

◆ **New Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022**

- ◆ that the new Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022 be approved.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the recommendation of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 in relation to the new Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022 be approved.

3. Recommendation Referred by the Executive Committee – New Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022 – Extract of Minute

3.1. A report dated 24 October 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the new Council Plan “Connect” for the period 2017 to 2022.

The Plan had been developed around the following key elements:-

- ◆ vision
- ◆ values
- ◆ ambitions
- ◆ objectives

Details of the structure and content of the Plan were detailed in the report together with information on how the overarching Council Plan would link with individual Resource Plans.

The draft Plan had been the subject of a wide ranging consultation exercise and the outcome of this exercise was summarised in the report and detailed in an attached appendix.

A strategy for communicating the contents of the new Council Plan, once approved, had been initiated and the strategy would be further developed and rolled out to ensure both internal and external stakeholders were fully informed.

The Committee recommended to the Council: that the Council Plan “Connect” 2017 to 2022 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 14 December 2016 (Paragraph 9)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. It is anticipated that there will be no additional direct costs incurred in developing the Council Plan, Connect 2017 to 2022. The majority of publication and communication material will be developed according to the Digital First approach. The cost of publishing a limited number of hard copies of the Plan as well as summary leaflets for employees and other public information material will be met from existing budgets.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed can not only lead to avoidable financial loss but could also adversely affect delivery of services and could affect the council’s reputation. Work was undertaken by the Risk Management section during the preparation of the Council Plan, to ensure that the new plan was aligned with the council’s top risks.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for the new Council Plan Connect and is available on the Council’s website. The Council submitted a screening report to the Scottish Government SEA Gateway (which liaises with the Consultative Authorities – Scottish Natural Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland and Scottish Environmental Protection Agency). It determined that an SEA was not required because the Council Plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects. The Consultative Authorities agreed that there was ‘no likelihood of significant environmental effects’ arising from the Plan. Consultation has taken place with CMT, Heads of Service and Resource Management Teams. Wider consultation with stakeholders took place following approval of the draft Plan.

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Chief Executive

22 November 2017

Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives

- ◆ All objectives and values

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 16)

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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