

SERVICE PLANS

2026-2029

13/01/2026

GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13 JANUARY 2026

PART I

Service Plans 2026-2029 (ADCCC)

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report presents an overview of the service plans, which articulate the councils' ambitions, priorities, and performance targets, and outline how each service area is contributing to the delivery of the new Council Plan which will launch in April 2026. Each plan incorporates Key Performance Indicators, service volumes, and references to associated strategic, operational, and climate resilience risks.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee provides any comments or suggested amendments to the 2026–2029 service plans. Final service plans will be approved by Full Council in conjunction with the budget.

Committee Decision on Public Access:-

1. Public access to report - immediate

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3 Details

- 3.1.1 The Council is in the process of developing a new Council Plan for the period 2026–2029, which will be launched alongside the corresponding service plans for the same timeframe.
- 3.1.2 The new themes and aims for the Council Plan 2026-2029 are going through the committee process and will be submitted to budget setting council in February.
- 3.1.3 The 4 new themes are:
- 3.1.3.1 Healthy, safe and thriving communities.
- 3.1.3.2 A green and sustainable future.
- 3.1.3.3 A prosperous and vibrant district.
- 3.1.3.4 A well-run council.
- 3.1.4 These 4 new themes have been incorporated into the service plans for 2026-2029.
- 3.1.5 The service plans will be submitted to the appropriate committee for review and comment.

- 1st December 2025, Policy and Resources
 - 13th January 2026, General Public Services and Community Engagement Committee.
 - 14th January 2026, Climate Change and Leisure Committee.
- 3.1.6 Following these meetings and sign off through the committee process, final service plans will be submitted to budget setting council in February.
- 3.1.7 A review of Key Performance Indicators has been conducted with each service area, and the revisions are documented in Appendix 2.
- 4 Options and Reasons for Recommendations**
- 4.1.1 To provide comments and/or propose amendments to the 2026–2029 service plans, enabling each service area to advance their work in alignment with the council's strategic priorities and statutory obligations.
- 5 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications**
- 5.1 The recommendations in this report are not linked to any specific budget allocation. Each individual service plan outlines its own proposals and must ensure alignment with existing budget provisions or, where necessary, engage with their Finance Business Partner to request additional funding.
- 6** This report is not associated with any specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Each individual service plan sets out its own KPIs, which are monitored on a quarterly and/or annual basis.
- 7 Financial Implications**
- 7.1 None arising from this report – each service area is responsible for their own budget
- 8 Legal Implications**
- 8.1 None arising from this report.
- 9 Equal Opportunities Implications**
- None specific to this report - individual service areas will carry out an Equalities Impact Assessment when required.
- 10 Staffing Implications**
- None specific to this report – individual service plans will detail any staffing implications.
- 11 Environmental Implications**
- None specific to this report - individual service areas will carry out a Sustainability Impact Assessment when required.
- 12 Community Safety Implications**
- Several actions outlined in the service plans are aimed at enhancing community safety across the district, building on the positive work already underway.

13 Public Health implications

A number of objectives and actions within the service plans are designed to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of the district. Building on the positive progress achieved under the current Corporate Framework this work will continue with the new Council Plan.

14 Customer Services Centre Implications

None specific to this report.

15 Communications and Website Implications

- 15.1 The Service Plans will be available to view on the website alongside the Council Plan and quarterly and annual KPI reports.

16 Risk and Health & Safety Implications

- 16.1 The Council has agreed its risk management strategy which can be found on the website at <http://www.threerivers.gov.uk>. In addition, the risks of the proposals in the report have also been assessed against the Council's duties under Health and Safety legislation relating to employees, visitors and persons affected by our operations. The risk management implications of this report are detailed below.
- 16.2 The subject of this report is covered by the service plans. Any risks resulting from this report will be included in the risk register and, if necessary, managed within this/these plan(s).

Nature of Risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (tolerate, treat, terminate, transfer)	Risk Rating (combination of likelihood and impact)
Council does not agree the service plans.	There is no clear direction for individual services. Risk to achieving the aims set out in the Council Plan.	Council to agree service plans to direct the work of services.	Tolerate	4

The above risks are scored using the matrix below. The Council has determined its aversion to risk and is prepared to tolerate risks where the combination of impact and likelihood scores 6 or less.

Very Likely Likelihood Remote	Low 4	High 8	Very High 12	Very High 16
	Low 3	Medium 6	High 9	Very High 12
	Low 2	Low 4	Medium 6	High 8
	Low 1	Low 2	Low 3	Low 4
Impact Low -----> Unacceptable				

Impact Score

- 4 (Catastrophic)
- 3 (Critical)
- 2 (Significant)
- 1 (Marginal)

Likelihood Score

- 4 (Very Likely (≥80%))
- 3 (Likely (21-79%))
- 2 (Unlikely (6-20%))
- 1 (Remote (≤5%))

- 16.3 In the officers' opinion none of the new risks above, were they to come about, would seriously prejudice the achievement of the Strategic Plan and are therefore operational risks. The effectiveness of the management of operational risks is reviewed by the Audit Committee annually.

Data Quality

Data sources:

Data sources are specific to each service plan aligning to the new Council Plan 2026-2029.

Data checked by: Individual Heads of Service for their service plan, Katie Stacey, Emily McGuigan and Rebecca Young for the overall report.

Data rating:

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	X
3	High	

Background Papers

APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS

1. Service Plans 2026-2029
2. Key Performance indicator amends.

