

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

TO: EXECUTIVE

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PRODUCTIVITY PLAN 2024/25

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Member oversight and endorsement of the Council's Productivity Plan 2024/25.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive:

- (1) endorse the Council's Productivity Plan 2024/25.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To enable the Council to fulfil the mandatory requirement to produce and publish a Productivity Plan for Pendle.

ISSUE

1. The last Local Government Finance Settlement announced that councils would be required to produce Productivity Plans (PP).
2. A copy of the letter received detailing the purpose and requirements of the plan is attached as Appendix 1 for your reference.
3. In summary, the aim of the PP is to help Government understand what is working well across the country, what common themes are emerging, what gaps there are, and what more needs to be done to unlock future opportunities. The approach in developing the PP is to not impose excessive burdens on local government, and so DLUHC have not issued a formal template or detailed list of criteria for us to meet. Instead, they have provided four key statements for us to address when developing our PP:

How have you transformed the way you design and deliver services to make better use of resources.

How you plan to take advantage of technology and make better use of data to improve decision making, service design and use of resources.

Your plans to reduce wasteful spend within your organisation and systems.

The barriers preventing progress that the Government can help to reduce or remove.

4. There are also a few suggested supplementary questions to consider / address which are also detailed in Appendix 1.
5. Some specific requirements have been stipulated though and these are that the PP must be:
 - a. no more than 3 to 4 pages long.
 - b. subject to Member oversight and endorsement.
 - c. submitted to DLUHC no later than 19th July 2024; and
 - d. published on the Council's website.
6. The draft PP is provided at Appendix 2 for your review and endorsement.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report.

Financial: There are implications on how future funding allocations are determined by the Productivity Plan and how this could potentially negatively impact on the Council.

Legal: Whilst this is a mandatory requirement, there are no specific legal implications arising directly from this report.

Risk Management: There are implications on how future funding allocations are determined by the Productivity Plan and how this could potentially negatively impact on the Council.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Sustainability: The Productivity Plan seeks support from Central Government in the sustainability of Local Government.

Community Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – DLUHC Letter to Chief Executives – Productivity Plans in Local Government

Appendix 2 – Pendle Borough Council Draft Productivity Plan (v4)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS