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REPORT TO:	CABINET
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SUBJECT:	DRAFT CORPORATE STRATEGY/PRIORITIES FOR CONSULTATION
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EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

The Cabinet has been working to develop a vision for Boston for their current term and beyond.

Appendix A to this report proposes a draft Corporate Strategy/priorities for consultation.

The draft Strategy was presented to Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee on 27 August. The Committee put forward a number of recommendations and suggestions as attached at Appendix B. These have been included in the draft Strategy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet approves the draft Corporate Strategy to be published for consultation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The existing Corporate Strategy requires a refresh to ensure clear strategic priorities for the Council are in place.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Cabinet has considered a range of options for the priorities.

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1.0 The draft Corporate Strategy can be found at Appendix A.

It should be noted that some of the priorities are a longer-term vision and will not be completed by the end of 2024, however, key building blocks will be put into place to move towards these aspirations.

2.0 Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee met to consider the draft Strategy on 27 August.

The Committee put forward a number of recommendations and suggestions as attached at Appendix B. These have been factored into the draft Strategy presented to Cabinet.

3.0 If approved by Cabinet, the draft Strategy will be published for public consultation. The consultation will be to seek final comments before the Strategy comes forward for formal adoption.

CONCLUSION

The draft Corporate Strategy sets out a high-level ambition for the term of the Council and beyond.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
The Council’s Medium-Term Financial Strategy will be aligned to reflect the agreed priorities of the Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS
N/a

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS
The Strategy identifies a strategic priority focused on climate change.

EQUALITY AND SAFEGUARDING IMPLICATIONS
None

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

CONSULTATION

The draft Corporate Strategy will be consulted on if approved for consultation by Cabinet.

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A	Draft Corporate Strategy
APPENDIX B	Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee recommendations

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background papers used in the production of this report are listed below: -

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
LGA Corporate Peer Review	http://s4fzas59p.gb-02.live-paas.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Boston-Borough-Council-Peer-Review.pdf

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

27 August 2020 - Corporate and Community Scrutiny Committee.