

## CABINET

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### FUTURE RUTLAND VISION

Report of the Leader of the Council

Strategic Aim:	All	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP/280122	
Exempt Information	No	
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#### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the outputs of the final consultation exercise and the subsequent amendments made to the draft Future Rutland Vision.
2. Notes the final Future Rutland Vision.
3. Recommends that Council endorses the Future Rutland Vision as a shared vision for the County as shaped by the community.
4. Recommends that Council adopts the Future Rutland Vision as a key document which underpins the Corporate Plan and future Council strategies and approaches.

#### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with a final Future Rutland Vision (FRV) following the latest consultation exercise.

#### 2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 In January 2021 Council approved the implementation of the Future Rutland

conversation designed to engage residents and businesses in the development of a shared vision for the County which would span the next 20-30 years.

- 2.2 The shared vision aims to provide a clear statement of intent that unites communities, businesses, and public bodies around a set of common goals and aspirations which can help to shape Rutland's long-term future. The vision would also inform future Council strategies and approaches.

### **3 FUTURE RUTLAND VISION (FRV)**

- 3.1 The Future Rutland Conversation involved an extensive engagement exercise which included three stages of engagement with the community and businesses, running from April to November 2021. Across the engagement process we heard directly from over 2000 residents and received over 5000 responses from the community. Analysis of feedback has been undertaken independently to ensure that the final vision remains independent and reflects the feedback of all stakeholders.

#### **3.2 The process**

- 3.2.1 Stage one involved undertaking 15 themed surveys on subjects like transport, the environment, health and leisure. The main overarching survey asked people to share what they value most about life in the county now, and what they want from the future. The surveys ran alongside focussed workshops where people were encouraged to engage in detailed discussion.
- 3.2.2 Stage two involved asking the community to review and provide further comment on the summary reports which developed through stage one. This resulted in the development of a draft FRV.
- 3.2.3 The third and final stage involved asking the community and businesses to read the draft Vision and share further feedback to help shape the final version.
- 3.2.4 Full details of this process, including the responses and subsequent changes to the FRV, can be found in Appendix A.

#### **3.3 Final Future Rutland Vision**

- 3.3.1 Following the engagement process amendments have been made to the FRV to address the latest feedback received, which are outlined in pages 18-27 within Appendix A. Overall, the main vision statement and the four underlying themes within the FRV document remain the same.
- 3.3.2 Appendix B is the final FRV document which has been developed following the completion of the engagement process.

#### **3.4 Achieving the vision**

- 3.4.1 Feedback during the engagement process highlighted that residents were keen to understand more about how the FRV would be delivered and monitored.
- 3.4.2 Rutland, as a unitary Council, recognises it is in a unique position to support the delivery of the vision through the shaping of local policies and collaboration through a network of partnership arrangements.

3.4.3 The first step, as per the original intention, is to utilise the FRV to develop a new Corporate Plan for 2022-2027. The Corporate Plan will set out how the Council will contribute to the aspirations contained within the FRV, which will be outlined through a series of commitments against each of the four themes. Consultation on the new Corporate Plan will begin in spring and will be presented to Full Council in July.

3.4.4 The Council will also use its leadership role to foster joint working and close collaboration between local communities, organisations, and professionals, to share responsibility for the Vision.

3.4.5 Whilst endorsement of the FRV vision means the Council will work towards achieving it, there may be times when other factors, some outside of the Council's control, may impinge on its ability to do so. This could include financial constraints, Government legislation, policy and guidance and the local political context.

### 3.5 Next Steps - Launch

3.5.1 Once the FRV has been endorsed a public launch event will take place which is provisionally scheduled for June.

## **4 CONSULTATION**

4.1 The FRV is a shared document which has been coproduced with the community through an extensive engagement and consultation exercise.

## **5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

5.1 The Council can choose not to adopt FRV as a shared vision, however this will mean the Council, partner agencies and the wider community will not realise the benefits of a shared framework which will help to ensure that every plan and big decision that's made in the County, brings about positive change.

## **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report, however the Council will be making financial commitments through policy and strategy guided by the FRV, including a revised Corporate Plan, the commitments of which must be within the financial means of the Council.

## **7 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1 There are not considered to be any legal or governance issues associated with this report.

## **8 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed because there are no risks/issues to the rights and freedoms of natural persons within this report.

## **9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed because no service, policy or organisational changes are being proposed. The Future Rutland Vision will

act as a guide to future service delivery.

## **10 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no community safety implications arising from this report. However, policy and strategies guided by the FRV, including a revised Corporate Plan, will contribute to maintaining Rutland as one of the safest places to live.

## **11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report. However, policy and strategies guided by the FRV, including a revised Corporate Plan, will include commitments to support the health and wellbeing of residents.

## **12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 12.1 The Future Rutland conversation provided an opportunity to engage residents on a large scale to develop a truly shared vision for the County.
- 12.2 The engagement exercise achieved a significant degree of resident involvement and the final FRV is a coproduced document reflecting the aspirations of the County.
- 12.3 The FRV provides a clear framework for the Council, public bodies, businesses, and the community to work towards, helping to ensure key plans and decisions that are made in the County contribute positively towards the vision.
- 12.4 Therefore, for the above reasons, it is recommended that Members approve the recommendations as outlined.

## **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 13.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

## **14 APPENDICES**

- 14.1 Appendix A – Future Rutland Conversation Summary February 2022
- 14.2 Appendix B – A Shared Vision for Rutland Final

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