

SUBJECT: Draft Self-Assessment of performance of the Council's Community and Corporate Plan Objectives 2025/26

MEETING: Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee

DATE: 30th June 2026

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1 PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To present the committee with an overview of the council's performance in delivering the objectives set in the Community and Corporate Plan during 2025/26. This will inform the development of the full self-assessment report that will be presented to full Council in September.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee uses the overview of progress presented at the meeting to scrutinise the council's performance during 2025/26 and agree any areas they would like to examine in greater depth as part of their forward work programme.
- 2.2 That the committee provides feedback to help shape the development of the final self-assessment report which will be presented to Council in September.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Monmouthshire County Council has a clear purpose to be a zero-carbon county, supporting well-being, health and dignity for everyone at every stage of life. This is underpinned by six well-being objectives. These form part of the Community and Corporate Plan approved by Council in 2023. As well as tracking progress of the objectives throughout the year, we undertake an annual self-assessment exercise. This ensures we can learn, understand where we need to make improvements and target actions accordingly. It also allows us to be held to account for delivery of our priorities.
- 3.2 An initial assessment of performance in meeting these objectives during 2025/26 has been undertaken. This has been informed by updates in Service Business Plans, discussions with officers and reports to committees, such as those presented to Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee. Information has been collated and shared with Directorate Management Teams during self-assessment workshops, allowing performance to be discussed and challenged, where necessary.
- 3.3 The presentation shared today provides an overview of the initial findings as a result of the self-assessment process so far. Sharing findings during early stages of the process enables members to share their perspectives on whether the findings present an accurate assessment of progress.
- 3.4 The findings will inform the self-assessment report which provides a detailed assessment of progress made in implementing the council's objectives during 2025/26. A draft of the self-assessment report will be shared with the committee via email. This will enable members to share comments on the content of the report and the accuracy of the assessment provided.
- 3.5 A final draft of the self-assessment report will be presented to Governance and Audit Committee on the 10th September. The committee has a statutory role in scrutinising the

self-assessment report to seek assurance on the effectiveness of the council's governance and performance management arrangements. The assessment will then be presented to Council on the 24th September.

- 3.6 The production of a self-assessment report is a requirement under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The Act requires each local authority in Wales to keep under review the extent to which it is meeting the 'performance requirements', that is the extent to which; it is exercising its functions effectively, it is using its resources economically, efficiently and effectively and its governance is effective for securing these.
- 3.7 The Performance and Overview Scrutiny Committee has an important role in scrutinising the council's performance. The overview presented at the meeting provides an assessment of performance during 2025/26 to assist the committee in fulfilling this role. The committee may also use this presentation to identify any further areas it may want to scrutinise in more detail as part of its forward work plan.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 There are no additional resource implications as a result of this report. However, there may be implications in undertaking further actions identified in the self-assessment report. These would be subject to the usual council decision-making processes.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
Performance and governance of local authorities: statutory guidance
Community and Corporate Plan 2022-28

6. AUTHORS:

Richard Jones, Performance and Data Insight Manager
Hannah Carter, Performance Officer

7. CONTACT DETAILS:

E-mail: richardjones@monmouthshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01633 740733

E-mail: hannahcarter@monmouthshire.gov.uk