

SUBJECT: Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19
MEETING: County Council
DATE: 19^h September 2019
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To seek council approval of the Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19.
- 1.2 To ensure that members have access to performance information for 2018/19.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Corporate Plan Annual Report 2018/19 be approved, subject to any final amendments agreed by Council.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 In February 2018, Cabinet and Council approved the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022, titled 'A Monmouthshire that works for everyone'. The plan restates the Council's long-standing purpose of building sustainable and resilient communities and sets five priority goals, which also serve as the Council's well-being objectives. Each of the goals includes a number of commitments to action, 22 in total, which the organisation is committed to delivering between now and 2022.
- 3.2 The annual report evaluates the Council's progress and performance in 2018/19 against the goals set in the Corporate Plan 2017-2022. The report also provides a wider evaluation of the Council's arrangements in 2018/19 in line with requirements under the Well-being of Future Generations Act and Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. Each of the five priority goals has been scored based on the council's self-evaluation framework using a six point scale, level 1 – unsatisfactory to level 6 – excellent. Performance against the goals has already been scrutinised by select committees in September 2019.
- 3.3 The Corporate Plan is an ambitious five year programme; some commitments focus on the longer-term future of the county and aim to address complex challenges, in line with the Future Generations Act. As it is in its early stages, this will need to be considered when assessing progress made as the impact of some activity may not be clearly demonstrable over short timescales, and some activity will be in the early stages or not yet started.
- 3.4 The annual report is a public document and should be accessible to a wide audience. The plan will be published by 31st October 2019 on the council's website alongside a shorter summary version. The summary will be made available as a hard-copy in community hubs and reception areas, as well as on the council's website.
- 3.5 Cabinet are presently undertaking a mid-term review of the commitments in the Corporate Plan to ensure that the aspirations and activity remain relevant and to ensure that it reflects the latest thinking on issues of importance to our communities such as the recent motion declaring a climate emergency. An updated plan will be

brought to Council for consideration ahead of, and to inform, draft budget proposals being released on consultation in December.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING):

4.1 This report is an evaluation of previous commitments and is not seeking a decision that would have an impact on these areas. The progress the Council has made on the Future Generations Act, equalities, social justice, and safeguarding is set out in the report.

5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL

5.1 This report is an evaluation of previous commitments and is not seeking a decision on a future policy direction. The report provides a comprehensive analysis, using a range of information, on the council's performance in 2018/19. The structure of the report has been informed by the legislation it is required to meet, including expectations for and feedback on annual reports by the Future Generations Commissioner.

6. EVALUATION CRITERIA

6.1 The report provides a comprehensive analysis of the performance of the council in 2018/19. When setting the Corporate Plan 2017-2022 goals, a clear framework for how we would evaluate progress was identified, which has been used to evaluate the objectives. The report also utilises a range of performance information, including data that is used to measure and benchmark local authority performance.

7. REASONS:

7.1 To ensure that the council can be held to account for performance and can demonstrate progress towards delivering better outcomes for citizens.

7.2 To comply with the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 None. This report is a review of performance in 2018/19.

9. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team;
Cabinet;

Select Committees scrutinised progress against the goals during September 2019. This facilitated select committees to scrutinise how well the authority performed against the goals set and give consideration to any further areas of scrutiny that committee may want to include on their forward work programme.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022, 'A Monmouthshire that works for everyone'

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