

AGENDA ITEM 6

Report to Cabinet	Forward Plan reference number FP/258/07/13
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Title of report Corporate Plan Progress Report: Q2 2013/14	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. The Q2 2013/14 Corporate Plan Progress Report follows on from the report presented to Cabinet on 16th July based on performance at the 2012/13 year end stage. The report provides detail of the available data for each of the indicators within the 2012-2017 Corporate Plan, highlighting where new data has recently become available.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Note the performance achieved during 2012/13 (for those where year-end data has recently been released) and note progress made during 2013/14 (where data is available).
- 2.2. Agree the Q2 2013/14 Corporate Plan Progress Report attached as an appendix to this paper.

3. Background and proposal

- 3.1. Cabinet will be aware of work undertaken in 2011/12 to develop and agree the 2012-2017 Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan set out the outcomes we committed to deliver against under each priority (5 priorities, each with 3 outcomes) as well as the measures of success identified to help us manage our performance.

- 3.2. Following Cabinet, the report will be presented to Corporate Scrutiny Committee and will then be made available on the Essex County Council website.

4. Policy context

- 4.1. The EssexWorks Commitment 2012-2017 set out our vision for Essex, articulated our commitment to the county, and marked the first step in a new partnership bringing together public bodies and Essex's citizens and communities. It stated our ambition was to deliver the best quality of life in Britain, achieved by providing high-quality, targeted services that deliver real value for money, and informed the development of the EssexWorks Corporate Plan 2012-2017.
- 4.2. The EssexWorks Commitment 2012-2017 was based on the following principles
 - 4.2.1. Putting our residents first:
 - 4.2.2. Increasing choice:
 - 4.2.3. Promoting local decision-making:
 - 4.2.4. Improving outcomes:
 - 4.2.5. Taking action early:
 - 4.2.6. Delivering value for money:
- 4.3. The Q2 2013/14 Corporate Plan Progress Report (attached as an appendix to this paper) provides an update on progress made towards delivery of the EssexWorks Corporate Plan 2012-2017 priorities (informed by the EssexWorks Commitment 2012-2017).
- 4.4. Vision for Essex 2013 -17 builds on and replaces the previous EssexWorks Commitment 2012-17.
- 4.5. It sets out the Cabinet's vision and priorities for the next four years and this will inform the development of a revised corporate strategy, a new outcomes framework that will guide commissioning decisions and inform the budget setting process. It is based on the following principles
 - 4.5.1. We will spend taxpayers' money wisely:
 - 4.5.2. Our focus will be on what works best, not on who does it:
 - 4.5.3. We will put residents at the heart of the decisions we make:
 - 4.5.4. We will empower communities to help themselves:
 - 4.5.5. We will reduce dependency:
 - 4.5.6. We will work in partnership:

4.5.7. We will continue to be open and transparent:

4.5.8. The proposal in this report is consistent with the principles set out above, in that publication of the attached report will contribute towards continued transparency.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report

6. Legal Implications

6.1. There are no legal implications arising from this report

7. Staffing and other resource implications

7.1. There are no staffing or resource implications as a direct result of this report

8. Equality and Diversity implications

8.1. When it exercises its functions, ECC must have regard to the public sector equality duty (PSED) under s.149 of the Equalities Act 2010, ie have due regard to the need to: A. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act. B. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. C. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

8.2. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

8.3. This report notes progress made on a wide range of issues. It is not considered that the report itself will have a disproportionately adverse impact on a protected characteristic so a Section 2 Equality Impact Assessment is not considered necessary.

8. Background papers

9.1. There are no relevant background papers related to the report