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2012/13 Corporate Plan Progress Report as at the Second Quarter Stage	
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The attached report (FP/904/08/12) was considered at Cabinet on 30 October 2012. The report is being submitted to the Committee to consider progress of the Corporate Plan 2012/13.

Issues for the Committee to consider

Some potential questions are set out below, which the Committee might find useful in its scrutiny role. (They have been deliberately framed in such a way as to make them applicable to a review of all outturn reports rather than being specifically tailored to this particular report.)

1. Does the report provide an adequate summary of the authority's Corporate Plan Progress?
2. Do the report and the decisions taken by the Cabinet Member demonstrate that the priorities of the Council are achieved?
3. Are there any issues where further information or clarification is necessary in order to understand what has occurred and its implications?
4. Does the report highlight any issues that raise concerns about the financial control and financial standing of the authority?
5. Are there any issues that have potential ongoing significance?
6. In the light of the above questions does the Committee require a more detailed review and associated report on any issues?

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Report by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Transformation Programme

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the 2012/13 Corporate Plan Progress Report is to provide an updated assessment of the progress made in delivering the Essex County Council's Corporate Plan Priorities in 2012/13, based upon the position at the second quarter stage (up to July 2012). This includes progress against specific performance measures within the 2012/13 Corporate Plan.

2. Decision Areas and Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet Members note the current performance outlined in the 2012/13 Corporate Plan Progress Report, along with the risks to delivery and plans in place to ensure that these priorities are achieved.

3 Background, context, and area of the County affected

- 3.1 Cabinet will be aware of work undertaken earlier in the year to develop and agree a Corporate Plan (for the period 2012-2017). The Corporate Plan sets out the outcomes we will deliver under each priority (5 priorities, each with 3 outcomes) as well as the measures of success we will use to help us manage our performance.
- 3.2 Following a report presented to Executive Scrutiny Committee (and shared with Cabinet Members) in January 2012 outlining 2012/13 performance reporting proposals, there was agreement for a quarterly report to be presented to Cabinet (and also presented to Executive Scrutiny Committee) by the Deputy Leader, detailing progress against the outcomes as outlined in the Corporate Plan.
- 3.3 This report follows the Corporate Plan Progress Report as at the first quarter stage presented to Cabinet on 17th July 2012. It sets out, for the second quarter stage, progress against our measures of success and specified aspirations, the key activity being undertaken, where we can celebrate success and where further focus on improvement is needed.

3.4 Following Cabinet, the report will be presented at Executive Scrutiny Committee and then published on the public facing Essex County Council website.

4. Relevance to ECC's corporate plan and other Strategic Plans

4.1 The 2012/13 Corporate Plan Progress Report is directly related to the *EssexWorks* Commitment 2012/17 in that the purpose of the report is to provide an updated assessment of the progress made in delivering Essex County Council's Corporate Plan Priorities in 2012/13.

5. Legal Implications (Monitoring Officer)

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. Finance and Resources Implications

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

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was not required.

9. Background papers

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