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| Report title: Everyone's Essex Strategic performance measures Proposal for future reporting and scrutiny | |
| Report to: Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee | |
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| County Divisions affected: All Essex | |

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report outlines the proposed approach to ensuring that Corporate Scrutiny has suitable oversight of the Everyone's Essex performance framework.
- 1.2 It is anticipated that reporting will be focussed on the existing framework with summary data provided based on the Strategic and Contextual measures.

2. Background

- 2.1 In October, Council agreed the performance framework as part of the Everyone's Essex strategic plan, this included:
 - contextual measures (high level, cross-function / systemic and outcome focussed) and
 - strategic measures (linked to our overarching measures, but more directly related to ECC activity and routinely available).
- 2.2 Prior to agreement at Council, Corporate scrutiny reviewed the strategy and the proposed performance framework. It was agreed that corporate scrutiny would have a role in the review of the council's progress against our ambitions for the County and its residents.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Corporate Scrutiny agree the proposed approach and reporting format, to commence from Quarter Three.
- 3.2 It is recommended that Corporate Scrutiny note the proposal to align reporting with finance.

4. Summary






- 4.1 Corporate scrutiny, alongside their oversight of finance have a role in reviewing progress on the council's performance against its priorities. There are some principles that underpin this, which include:
- Not duplicating the oversight of other scrutiny committees. Detailed review of actions and performance for function-related activities will be undertaken in the relevant committee.
 - Focussed on existing tools. Quarterly reporting to the committee is proposed to align with the cabinet member and CLT reporting timetable.
 - Provided at a cross-council level, organised around the aims of Everyone's Essex.
- 4.2 In addition, corporate scrutiny have requested the following, which can be accommodated
- Clarify the frequency of reporting for individual measures. This was provided to the committee following initial discussions and has been incorporated into the proposed template.
 - Use RAG ratings to flag status, and to focus the work of the committee. This has been incorporated into the proposed template.
- 4.3 To provide a meaningful and joined up approach to Scrutiny, it is proposed that the timetable is aligned to the reporting received by the committee on finance on a quarterly basis.
- 4.4 The data from the performance framework will also be published on the council's open data platform.

5. Next steps

- 5.1 Subject to agreement by the committee, the Chief Executive's office will work with finance to align approaches and reporting can commence from Quarter 3 outturn.

Annex A

Proposed reporting template (one per Strategic Aim)

| Measures | Baseline | Value at Q3 | Target or Range | Frequency of Report | RAG and DoT | Comments |
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