
Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

3 December 2020

End of September (Quarter 2) Total Performance Monitor – Focus for Scrutiny

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

The Total Performance Monitor (TPM) by the Director of Finance and Support Services is the Council's monitoring and reporting mechanism for finance performance (revenue and capital), savings delivery, and business performance. It is regularly scrutinised by the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee.

The TPM report attached reflects the position as at the end of September 2020 and includes an update on the high-level implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on the County Council. The Council has received £45.8m of non-ring fenced grants to date from the Government to cover the cost of the pandemic. It is estimated that the cost to the County Council so far is in the region of £56.9m.

Overall, the forecast year-end revenue position, as at the end of September 2020, is a projected £5.480m overspend. This is a £11.049m decrease from the overspend predicted at the end of June.

Of the 39 'active' performance measures, 67% of measures are reporting as 'green', 23% as 'amber' and 10% as 'red'.

The TPM includes an update of the Children First and Fire and Rescue Improvement Plans which have continued to be a priority.

At the request of the Committee the latest Risk Register is also included to give a holistic understanding of the Council's current performance reflecting the need to manage risk proactively.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to scrutinise the TPM (as set out in the Annex report attached). Key areas for scrutiny include:

- 1) The on-going impact of the COVID-19 emergency situation on the Council's financial resilience and performance;
- 2) The effectiveness of measures taken to manage the Council's financial position and the non-delivery of identified savings;
- 3) Consideration of the 2020/21 performance indicators and targets;
- 4) Any areas of concern in relation to the workforce indicators;
- 5) Any issues reported through the Risk Register;

- 6) Any issues raised by other Scrutiny Committees (through the Chairmen of these Committees); and
- 7) Identification of:
 - a) Any specific areas for action or response by the relevant Cabinet Member,
 - b) Any issues for further scrutiny by this Committee (or by one of the other scrutiny committees, as appropriate).

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

1. Background and context

- 1.1 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached appendices (listed below). As it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only the Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessments are not required.

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Appendices

- Annex Quarterly Performance Monitor - September 2020
- Appendix 1 Revenue Budget Monitor to the end of September 2020
- Appendix 2 Covid-19 Grant Funding allocated to West Sussex County Council - as at 21 October 2020
- Appendix 3 Children First Service Improvement Programme: Progress Report September 2020
- Appendix 4 Fire Improvement Plan: September 2020 Update
- Appendix 5 2020/21 Savings - As at September 2020
- Appendix 6 2020/21 Capital Monitor as at the end of September 2020
- Appendix 7 Workforce Report - September 2020
- Appendix 8 Quarterly Review of the Corporate Risk Register – September 2020

Background Papers

None