

## **Report to Cabinet**

**September 2022**

### **Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2022/23**

**Report by the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Finance Officer**

**Electoral division(s): All**

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#### **Summary**

The Performance and Resources Report (PRR) provides an overview of performance across the County Council for the first quarter of 2022/23. The report in *Annex B* brings together information on performance, finance, workforce and risk management, all of which are reported on an outturn forecast basis and describes how the County Council is delivering the four priorities and overarching theme set out in Our Council Plan.

The PRR is designed to be used by all Scrutiny Committees as the main source of the County Council's performance information. *Annex A – How to Read the Performance and Resources Report*, provides some key highlights on the structure, content and a detailed matrix of the sections of the report for the different scrutiny committees.

The latest performance targets measured against 'Our Council Plan' is currently reporting 51% 'Green', 34% 'Amber' and 15% 'Red'.

The forecast revenue outturn position for 2022/23, as at the end of June, is currently projecting a £7.554m overspend.

#### **Recommendation**

That Cabinet notes the information contained in the Q1 Performance and Resources Report in Annex B.

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#### **Proposal**

##### **1 Background and context**

- 1.1 The attached Performance and Resources Report (PRR) provides an overview of performance across West Sussex County Council during the first quarter of 2022/23; bringing together information on performance, finance, workforce and risk management, all of which are reported on an outturn forecast basis.
- 1.2 The County Council is focused on delivering the four priorities as set out in Our Council Plan: keeping people safe from vulnerable situations, a sustainable and prosperous economy, helping people and communities fulfil their potential and making the best use of resources, all underpinned by tackling climate change. In the first quarter, the measures reported:

- 51% (27 of 53 measures) as 'Green'
- 34% (18 of 53 measures) as 'Amber'
- 15% (8 of 53 measures) as 'Red'

1.3 During the first quarter of the year, the council has continued to respond to on-going events and challenges which have impacted the operations and priorities of the council; with the County Council supporting the fallout of the on-going war in Ukraine, the cost-of-living crisis and national recruitment issues all impact how we deliver services for our residents.

1.4 The forecast outturn position for 2022/23 is currently projecting a £7.554m overspend. This overall position assumes that any in-year costs related to the Covid-19 pandemic will be fully funded from government grants received. Also, this position excludes the use of the general contingency budget which is held separately.

1.5 Key financial risks arising across services include:

- Increasing inflation price rises on energy, goods and services,
- Continued increases in the cost of older people care packages,
- The mix between internal and external placements for children,
- The cost of children in need of secure or specialist placements,
- The rising numbers of children requiring high needs education,
- The non-delivery and delays of savings.

1.6 In relation to corporate risks, there are four risks with a severity above the tolerance threshold:

- Recruitment and retention,
- Cyber-security,
- Failure of social care provisions,
- Financial sustainability.

## **2 Proposal details**

2.1 It is proposed that Cabinet review the Performance and Resources Report and consider the current performance activity.

## **3 Other options considered (and reasons for not proposing)**

3.1 Not applicable.

## **4 Consultation, engagement and advice**

- 4.1 The Executive Leadership Team and Cabinet Members have considered the Performance and Resources Report and the updates to the Key Performance Indicators.
- 4.2 All scrutiny committees review their specific sections of the Performance and Resources Report quarterly, with the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee having an overview of the whole document. Committees can make recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member and/or refer issues to other scrutiny committees as appropriate.

## **5 Finance**

- 5.1 The financial impact is set out in the Performance and Resources Report.

## **6 Risk implications and mitigations**

- 6.1 The corporate risk register is included within the Performance and Resources Report, reflecting the key risks facing the council and the planned action to mitigate the risks where possible.

## **7 Policy alignment and compliance**

- 7.1 Reporting on the council's performance and activities through the Performance and Resources Report to Cabinet is part of the governance of the council, ensuring transparency in its reporting arrangements and enabling scrutiny by members and the public.

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## **Appendices**

Annex A – How to Read the Performance and Resources Report

Annex B – Performance and Resources Report – Q1 2022/23

## **Background papers**

None