
Report to Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee

1 March 2023

End of December 2023 (Quarter 3) Quarterly Performance and Resources Report – Focus for Scrutiny

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

The Quarterly Performance and Resources Report (PRR) is the Council's reporting mechanism for corporate performance, finance, savings delivery and business performance. It reflects the priorities, outcomes and measures included in Our Council Plan. It is available to each scrutiny committee on a quarterly basis. Each committee will consider how it wishes to monitor and scrutinise performance relevant to their area of business.

The report reflects the position at the end of December 2022. The PRR includes information which is specifically relevant to the portfolio responsibilities of this scrutiny committee and includes the summary of the performance, finance, capital and risk position of the Children and Young People Portfolio (Appendix A) and Learning and Skills Portfolio (Appendix B). The current Risk Register (Appendix C) is included to give a holistic understanding of the Council's current performance reflecting the need to manage risk proactively.

The Committee have highlighted the following as areas it wishes to monitor when considering past quarterly PRR reports:

- The progress of Performance Measure 7 (Stability of placements for children we care for) to see how it further improves.
- Performance Measure 8 (Percentage of NEET care leavers) and Performance Measure 9 (Positive outcomes on Child Protection in 12 months) to see how additional resources for the care leavers service and the introduction of the Family Safeguarding Model impact on these measures.
- The Children We Care For Placement mix
- The Dedicated Schools Grant deficit position
- The progress of Performance Measure 30 (Number of 16-17 year olds Not in Education, Employment or Training) to be more in line with the national average.

When considering the Q2 PRR, the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee, noted the risks to the Children and Young People's portfolio budget and requested that CYPSSC monitor the financial position and the mitigating actions required.

In line with the Committee's previous requests to receive regular performance updates to monitor the improvement journey, the Children and Young People's Services Performance Summary Slides for the end of December 2022 are attached at Appendix D.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to consider the portfolio PRR (Appendices A - C) and the Performance Summary Slides (Appendix D).

Key lines of enquiry:

- 1) The effectiveness of measures taken to manage the financial position and expectations;
- 2) The particular performance indicators and measures identified as most critical to the focus of the Committee and whether the narrative provides assurance about the position presented and likely outcomes;
- 3) Any areas of concern in relation to the management of corporate risk;
- 4) Whether the report indicates any issues needing further scrutiny relevant to the Committee's portfolio area and, if so, the timing of this and what further data or information may be required; and
- 5) Identification of any specific areas for action or response by the relevant Cabinet Member.

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

1. Background and context

- 1.1 The Performance and Resources Report (PRR) replaces the Quarterly Performance Report (QPM). The PRR is designed to be used by all Scrutiny Committees as the main source of the County Council's performance information.
- 1.2 Appendix E – 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 which are expected to be reviewed by the different scrutiny committees.
- 1.3 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

Appendix A: Children and Young People Portfolio Summary

Appendix B: Learning and Skills Portfolio Summary

Appendix C: Corporate Risk Register Summary

Appendix D: Performance Summary Slides – December 2022

Appendix E: How to read the PRR

Background Papers: None