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## **Report to Children and Young People's Services Scrutiny Committee**

**12 July 2022**

### **End of March 2022 (Quarter 4) Quarterly Performance and Resources Report – Focus for Scrutiny**

#### **Report by Director of Law and Assurance**

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### **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 new 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 March 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 C). Following a review of the Key Performance Indicators within the Council Plan it is proposed that Cabinet agree some KPI amendments at their meeting in July. The proposed change relevant to the portfolio commitments of this committee is set out in Appendix B.

The current Risk Register (Appendix D) is included to give a holistic understanding of the Council's current performance reflecting the need to manage risk proactively.

At its meeting on 9 March, the Committee considered the Quarter 3 report and highlighted the following key areas:

- Welcomed that the service was being more ambitious on the national target (10%) for Performance Measure 7 (Stability of placements for children we care for) and agreed to continue to monitor progress of this to see how it further improves.
- Highlighted Performance Measure 8 (Percentage of NEET care leavers) and Performance Measure 9 (Positive outcomes on Child Protection in 12 months) as key areas of focus. The Committee heard how additional resources for the care leavers service over the next year and the introduction of the Family Safeguarding Model were expected to impact on performance and agreed to monitor this through the PRR.

### **Focus for scrutiny**

The Committee is asked to consider the portfolio PRR (Appendices A, B and C). Areas for scrutiny include:

- 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.

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## **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: Proposed Amendment to KPI

Appendix C: Learning and Skills Portfolio Summary

Appendix D: Corporate Risk Register Summary

Appendix E: How to read the PRR report

### **Background Papers**

None