

REPORT TO CORPORATE RESOURCES AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the potential items due to be considered at the Committee's next meeting to be held following the Annual Meeting of Council.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The improvement priorities identified in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Plan adopted by Council on 1 March 2017 formally set out the improvement priorities that the Council will seek to implement between 2016 and 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting 11 July 2016, the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee determined its Annual Forward Work Programme for 2016/17.

4. Current Situation / Proposal

Meetings of the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 4.1 In relation to the Committee's next meeting the table below lists the potential items to be considered and the invitees due to attend.

Topic	Invitees	Specific Information Requested	Research to be Undertaken by the Overview & Scrutiny Unit
Overview of Service Areas covered by Corporate Resources & Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee	TBC	TBC	Detail research / To be confirmed

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Year End Performance and Budget Monitoring Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet and CMB • All Scrutiny Chairs • Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance; • Yuan Shen - Corporate Improvement and Integrated Partnerships Manager 	Annual/Year End report for financial and performance year 2016-17	Detail research / To be confirmed
Annual Forward Work Programme	None	Forward Work Programme proposed items and related information	Detail research / To be confirmed

4.2 The list below contains potential items as yet to be decided for the 2017-18 forward work programme. The prioritisation and timings of these will be agreed at the Committee meeting following the Annual Meeting of Council.

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Rationalising the Council's Estate including Depot Rationalisation	<p>Originating out of the Corporate Plan – one of the five key projects/programmes under Corporate Priority 3 – Smarter Use of Resources.</p> <p>Rationalising the Council's Estate – Once decision made in relation to Ravens Court Committee's role to assist in developing the next phase.</p> <p>Depot Rationalisation relates back to 2014 where there were concerns over the budget - increase in the cost of the project and the need for consultants, the disposal of land and the gaining of a capital receipt for this.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hywel Williams, Deputy Leader • Cllr C Smith, Cabinet Member Education & Regeneration • Mark Shepherd, Corporate Director - Communities
2017-18 Quarter 1: Budget Monitoring Financial Performance	To review 2017-18 financial performance as at 30 June 2017: forecast out-turn against revenue and capital budget and reasons for variance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet and CMB • All Scrutiny Chairs • Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance.
2017-18 Half Year Financial Performance and Half Year Corporate Plan Performance Report	To review performance including financial performance as at 30 September 2017 against 2017-18 corporate plan commitments, milestones and indicators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet and CMB • All Scrutiny Chairs • Randal Hemingway,

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		Head of Finance; • Yuan Shen - Corporate Improvement and Integrated Partnerships Manager
Directorate Budget Consultation Process	Consideration of Directorate Budget for 2017/18	• Cabinet and CMB • All Scrutiny Chairs • Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance.
Budget Responses and Budget REP	Collate all OVSC BREP feedback and comments.	• Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance.
Procurement	The Committee requested that a future report be received with focus on outcomes and progression of the various workstreams of the procurement project.	TBC
Digital Transformation	The Committee agreed to put forward Digital Transformation as a suggested item on the future FWP in order to further monitor the project including its potential savings and risks.	TBC
Corporate Plan	To comment on the Council's Corporate Plan including its improvement priorities, revised actions and the associated commitments and indicators for 2018-19.	• Cabinet and CMB • All Scrutiny Chairs • Randal Hemingway, Head of Finance; • Yuan Shen - Corporate Improvement and Integrated Partnerships Manager
Business Plan 2017/18	To comment on Directorate 2017-18 business plans including its actions, milestones and performance measures	TBC
2017-18 Quarter 3 Financial Performance	To review 2017-18 financial performance as at 31 December 2017	TBC

Corporate Parenting

- 4.3 Corporate Parenting is the term used to describe the responsibility of a local authority towards looked after children and young people. This is a legal responsibility given to local authorities by the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004. The role of the Corporate Parent is to seek for children in public care the outcomes every good parent would want for their own children. The Council as a whole is the 'corporate parent' therefore all Members have a level of responsibility for the children and young people looked after by Bridgend.¹
- 4.4 In this role, it is suggested that Members consider how the services within the remit of their Committee affects children in care and care leavers, and in what way can the Committee can therefore assist in these areas.
- 4.5 Scrutiny Champions can greatly support the Committee in this by advising them of the ongoing work of the Cabinet-Committee and particularly any decisions or changes which they should be aware of as Corporate Parents.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules

- 5.1 The work of the Corporate Resources and Improvement Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 None

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 None.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is recommended to:
- (i) Note the potential topics due be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to be scheduled at the Annual General Meeting of Council;
 - (ii) Determine the invitees to be invited to attend, any specific information it would like the invitees to provide and any research that it would like the Overview & Scrutiny Unit to undertake in relation to this meeting.

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¹ Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Government Association 'If this were my child... A councillor's guide to being a good corporate parent to children in care and care leavers', June 2009

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