

Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 September 2024

Recommendations / Information requested.

	Recommendations / Information Requested:	Response:	Accepted / Partially Accepted / Not Accepted:
Information Report - Corporate Plan Targets 2024/25			
Recommendations			
1	<p>The Committee recommended that any changes to the Corporate Plan, Targets or Priorities after the draft Plan had been scrutinised, should be reported to the Committee for consideration.</p> <p>In addition, Members agreed to send any queries about the report to the Scrutiny team to take forward with Officers.</p>	None received.	
Director of Social Services Annual Report 2023/24			
General Recommendation			
2	<p>The Committee recommended that all reports submitted to the Committee should include a strengthened and enhanced focus on the financial implications of service proposals and developments.</p>	<p>Agreed All reports contain financial implications and service areas will work with finance to strengthen these where there are particular financial risks.</p>	Accepted

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Additional Information			
3	<p>A number of projects had been funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund and the Committee requested more detailed information, including the amount of funding that had been received and the potential impact on those areas within the social services part of the budget for pathways towards employment, education and training.</p>	<p>As part of the shared prosperity fund social services and wellbeing have received £1,143,000 directly.</p> <p>£500,000 over 2 years has been received under the Communities & Places theme. The project focus on thriving communities supporting the development of resilient and healthy communities by building capacity amongst local people and community anchor organisations with a specific focus on young carers, care experienced children and children and young adults with a disability.</p> <p>£643,000 has been invested in 2024/25 only from the People and Skills theme which has been repurposed to support a <i>pathway toward employment, education and training</i>. The project builds on existing work or approaches that have been developed to enhance opportunities to build skills, knowledge and experience through a pathway approach either in to paid employment or meaningful activity with vulnerable young people (14+) through to older adults with a disability known to social services, reducing the pressure on statutory services.</p>	Accepted
4	<p>The Committee requested that the Community Resource Team Package of</p>	Complete	Accepted

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	Care Delays (PoCD) report, to be considered by Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2 on 23 September 2024, be circulated to Members of the Committee.		
5	The Committee requested that the Recovery Plan considered by the Social Services Improvement Board be circulated to Members of the Committee.	Agreed, this will be shared.	Accepted
6	Members discussed daytime opportunities for residents with learning disabilities and the prospect for using grants to support a new model for their delivery and the committee requested that the Review of Daytime Opportunities be reported to a future meeting of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2.	Agreed. A Member Seminar on the findings of the day opportunities review is scheduled for January 2024. The consultation will come to scrutiny if the proposed consultation is approved by Cabinet.	Accepted
Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 & 2023/24			
Recommendations			
7	The Committee recommended that where reports cover issues that cross service boundaries, consideration is given to communicating with all Scrutiny Members regarding this so that they	To be actioned by Scrutiny, in conjunction with Scrutiny Chairs.	Accepted

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	have the opportunity to engage via their fellow members sitting on the Committee and/or observe the meeting.		
8	The Committee recommended that the Annual Report should include comparative data on the number of call ins in previous years.	Included in the Scrutiny Annual Report. Agreed at Council on 25 September 2024.	Accepted
9	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to ensuring that more external representatives are invited to attend scrutiny meetings.	The Scrutiny Annual Report was strengthened to include as a priority Scrutiny Committees will continue to strive to increase the number of external Invitees to Scrutiny Committees for related reports as part of their forward work programmes.	Accepted
Forward Work Programme Update			
Recommendations			
10	The Committee recommended that consideration be given to the arrangements for the Scrutiny Committee meetings in January 2025 to consider the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2025-26 - 2028-29, to ensure that Members are able to direct their questions to the	To be actioned by Scrutiny, in conjunction with Scrutiny Chairs.	Accepted

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	appropriate Committee to contribute fully and avoid duplication.		