

Committee: **Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee**
 Date of meeting: **23rd February 2022**
 Report Subject: **Finance and Performance Report Quarters 1 and 2
 (April 2021 to September 2021)**
 Portfolio Holder: **Leader / Executive Member Corporate Services**
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Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Executive Committee	Council	Other (please state)
	03.02.22	14.02.22			23.02.22	02.03.22		

1. **Purpose of the Report**
 - 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present to the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee the Finance and Performance Report for Quarters 1 and 2 (April 2021 to September 2021) (attached at Appendix 1).
2. **Scope and Background**
 - 2.1 The Corporate Plan was refreshed and approved by Council in July 2020 following a review of learning so far with implementing the plan, as well as learning from the COVID 19 pandemic.
 - 2.2 The Finance and Performance Report has been written to align to the priorities within the refreshed Corporate Plan.
 - 2.3 The report is presented to the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee to provide detail of the work that has been undertaken throughout the Council and where further development is required.
 - 2.4 The Finance and Performance Report includes the following information:
 - COVID-19 and Recovery from the Pandemic
 - Local Political Leadership, Governance and Accountability
 - Departmental Priorities
 - Key Performance Indicators
 - Budget 2021/22 – Quarters 1 and 2
 - Directorate Risk Register
 - 2.5 The Finance and Performance Report is to be used as a key improvement tool for the Authority.
 - 2.6 Information included within the report has been gathered from a number of different sources including updates from business plans and drawing evidence from strategic reports. This has provided a detailed view of the activity and performance of directorates throughout the year.

- 2.8 The report forms part of an on-going process of development within the Council's Performance Management Framework in identifying further areas for improvement and areas of good practice and performance.
- 2.9 The key themes and notable activity across the Council are included in Appendix 1.
3. **Options for Recommendation**
- 3.1 The Finance and Performance Report has been approved by CLT at their meeting on 3rd February 2022.
- 3.1.1 **Option 1**
Provide suggestions to the content of the Finance and Performance Report in order to make it more efficient and effective as a management tool.
- 3.1.2 **Option 2**
Accept the information as presented.
4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**
- 4.1 The Council has a responsibility to provide performance related information to the public in order to scrutinise the Council's performance and to gauge how well the Council is doing. There is also a requirement for Members to scrutinise the Council's performance. Reporting of such information contributes to the Council's Performance Framework.
5. **Implications Against Each Option**
- 5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***
Financial information is included within Appendix 1 and is split per directorate.
- 5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***
Risk information is included within Appendix 1 and is split per directorate.
- 5.2.1 The Finance and Performance Report acts as a key monitoring tool for the Council and is considered by external regulators which can have an impact on the reputation of the Council.
- 5.3 ***Legal***
There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 ***Human Resources***
Sickness information is included within Appendix 1 and is split per directorate.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 ***Performance Information and Data***

Performance information and data is included within Appendix 1 and is split per directorate.

6.2 ***Expected outcome for the public***

The information included within the report will provide opportunity for the public to scrutinise the Council's performance and provide accountability across the Council.

6.3 ***Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation)***

Services look to involve partners and involve citizens in consultation where possible. This information is included as part of the planning arrangements of the Council.

6.4 ***Thinking for the Long term (forward planning)***

The Finance and Performance Report is reported on regularly and is aligned to the Council's Corporate Plan.

6.5 ***Preventative focus***

The Council aims to work using a preventative approach wherever possible so that problems can be tackled before they are escalated. Preventative actions are included in the Council's business plans.

6.6 ***Collaboration / partnership working***

There are a number of collaborations that the Council is involved with and, where relevant, information on some of these has been included within the Finance and Performance Report.

6.7 ***Integration (across service areas)***

The Council's business plan includes where an integrated approach to planning and delivery is taking place.

6.8 ***EqlA***

The Finance and Performance Report has no negative impact on the protected characteristics.

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

7.1 The report will be monitored quarterly through the Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Committee.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- Appendix 1 – Finance and Performance Report