

Committee: **Cabinet**
Date of meeting: **7th June 2023**
Report Subject: **Finance and Performance Report Up to March 2023**
Portfolio Holder: **Cllr S. Thomas Leader / Cabinet Member Corporate Overview and Performance**
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Reporting Pathway								
Directorate Management Team	Corporate Leadership Team	Portfolio Holder / Chair	Governance and Audit Committee	Democratic Services Committee	Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet	Council	Other (please state)
	13/04/23	17.05.23			27/04/23	07.06.23		

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present to Cabinet the Finance and Performance Report for 2022/23, attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The information provided is the most up to date available at the time of writing the report, some information for quarter 4 will not be available until later in the year.

2. Scope and Background

- 2.1 The Finance and Performance Report has been developed in order to provide a reporting framework against the Council's Corporate Plan, including areas of progress and where further improvement is needed. All Council business plans are aligned to the delivery of the Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 The Finance and Performance Report is to be used as a key improvement tool for the Authority.
- 2.3 On 15th December 2022, Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee were provided with an example of how the Report could look moving forward.
- 2.4 Information included within the Finance and Performance report is gathered from a number of different sources including updates from business plans, drawing evidence from strategic reports and data analysis. This provides a detailed view of the activity and performance of the Council.
- 2.5 The report includes the following information:
- Information on Blaenau Gwent;
 - Key achievements;
 - Financial information;
 - Links to the Well-being Goals;
 - Service user voice;
 - Progress against the four Corporate Plan Priorities;

- How we have applied the Sustainable Development Principles;
 - Case studies;
 - What the Regulators have told us;
 - Managing our risks; and
 - Our focus for the future.
- 2.6 The report forms part of an on-going process of development within the Council's Performance Management Framework.
3. **Options for Recommendation**
- 3.1 The Finance and Performance Report was considered by CLT at their meeting 13th April 2023.
- 3.2 The Corporate Overview and Performance Scrutiny Committee considered the report on 27th April 2023, and recommended Option 1 to Cabinet, and proposed that an Executive Summary be created, to sit alongside the main report, using the report infographics to develop a more user friendly and public facing document. (Executive Summary attached at Appendix 2).
- 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**
Consider and accept the information as presented.
4. **Evidence of how 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.
- 5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***
Risk information is included within Appendix 1.
- 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**

Workforce information is included within Appendix 1.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 **Performance Information and Data**

Performance information and data is a key aspect of the Council's Performance Management Framework and is included within appendix 1 to show progress of the Corporate Plan and national data requirements.

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)**

The service user voice has been included within Appendix 1.

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 **Decarbonisation and Reducing Carbon Emissions**

Information on decarbonisation is included within Appendix 1.

6.9 **Integrated Impact Assessment (IAA)**

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 and Performance Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

- Appendix 1 - Finance and Performance Report
- Appendix 2 – Executive Summary

