

Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Strategy

Cabinet – 15 October 2015

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE 2014/15

Purpose:	The report is a review of progress made by the Council in meeting the priorities, actions and targets set out in <i>Standing up for a Better Swansea</i> the Corporate Improvement Plan for 2013/17 updated for 2014/15 as required by Part 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009
Policy Framework:	<i>Standing up for a Better Swansea</i> Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/17 updated for 2014/15
Reason for Decision:	To comply with statutory guidance and to approve and publish the Annual Review of Performance 2014/15.
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Cabinet Member.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Annual Review of Performance 2014/15 is approved.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 creates an obligation on Councils to account for improvement. The process for accounting for improvement falls into two stages.
- 1.2 Stage one reporting covers the Council's plans and Improvement Objectives for that year and should be published every year as soon as possible after the 1st April.
- 1.3 Stage two reporting arises when the Council is in a position to be able to account for success of the previous year's improvement activity and must

be published before 31st October in the financial year after the year to which the information relates.

1.4 The attached report relates to stage two performance reporting against the 'improvement objectives' set out within *Standing up for a Better Swansea* the Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/17 updated for 2014/15.

1.5 The Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/17 updated for 2014/15 and its 9 Improvement Objectives that are the subject of the Annual Review of Performance 2014/15 has now been superseded by the five key priorities described in *Delivering for Swansea* the Corporate Plan for 2015/17.

2.0 Content

2.1 The Annual Review of Performance must be written to comply with statutory guidance, as summarised below:

- Evidence of the processes that the authority has gone through to discharge its general duty to improve;
- A summary assessment of the authority's view of its success in achieving its improvement objectives as set out in the previous year's improvement plan;
- Assessment of performance in comparison with itself in previous years and to other comparable bodies (including other authorities).

2.1.1 These requirements are addressed in *Parts 1 and 2 – Executive / Summary of evaluations delivering the Council's Improvement Objectives in 2013/14*. These parts represent a summary of the Council's own evaluation of its performance delivering its Improvement Objectives during 2014/15.

- Details of the ways in which the authority has exercised its powers of collaboration during the reporting year including details of whether a collaborative activity has achieved its intended outcomes.

2.1.2 Information on collaboration is provided in *Part 3 – Working in partnership with others in 2014/15*. This part summarises how the Council is collaborating with others across a wide range of services in some key areas.

- Details of other performance information and its use;
- Any statements of activity that the authority has issued as a result of any Section 19 reports issued by the Auditor General for Wales to that authority in that reporting year.
- Performance as measured by all statutory performance indicators, whether or not these relate directly to improvement objectives;

2.1.3 Details on performance information and a summary of the Council's performance against national indicators in 2014/15 are provided in *Part 4 – Performance Information and its use*. This part summarises how the

Council plans for and puts arrangements in place to secure improvement. The Council is not subject to Section 19 reports but this section includes details on how the Council has responded to the Estyn inspection. More detailed comparative performance information for all national performance indicators will be published on the Council's website before the statutory publication date of 31st October 2015.

3.0 Equality & Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Annual Review of Performance is not relevant for an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) itself. It may mean however that it might form part of the information that leads to a service screening for and undertaking an EIA as required.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial resources required to implement all the actions and achieve the specified performance targets in 2014/15 were provided in the approved budget. Any additional financial implications which arose from the pursuance of the priorities in the Corporate Improvement Plan would have been dealt with as virement within the normal financial procedures.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Annual Review of Performance 2014/15 must be published at or before the statutory date of 31st October 2015.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix A – Annual Review of Performance 2014/15.