



CABINET – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: OUTCOME AGREEMENTS YEAR END SELF-ASSESSMENT OF THE 2013-2016 AGREEMENTS

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with the year-end self-assessment of the Council's performance of its 5-Outcome Agreements for the first year in the agreement 2013-2016. The report indicates how much funding could be received if Welsh Government agree with our self-assessment.
- 1.2 The Council entered into a 3-year agreement (in February 2014) with Welsh Government (WG) to work towards a set of 5 outcomes based on WG priorities. Dependant on the progress of these outcomes, the Council will receive a grant of up to £1.9 million a year (approx up to £5.7 million over the life of the 3-year agreement). 70% of the money is given for the success of the agreements and can be used in whatever way the Council chooses. The remaining 30% is based on WG assessment of the Authority (whether it is in special measures or not) and may be directed to assist an authority in a way that WG think will benefit the authority.
- 1.3 Authorities are required to report to WG on how they have performed for the first year of this set of agreements by no later than 1st Sept 2014. CCBC gives WG access to our Ffynnon system for them to carry out a desktop assessment.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Outcome Agreements are CCBC's contribution to a range of the Welsh Assembly Government's national priorities.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Authority is required to make a self-assessment statement on each agreement as to whether it believes the agreements to **be successful, partially successful or not successful**. We are required to be able to evidence our judgement if needed.
- 3.2 WG then assess progress against our agreements and either concur with our judgement or change the score if they do not. Therefore an honest and accurate self-assessment creates trust and reliability in our judgements.
- 3.3 WG use a pro-rata scoring system to determine how much an authority is entitled to when the joint assessment is agreed. The scoring system used is as follows:-
 - Fully Successful = 2 points

- Partially Successful = 1 points
- Not successful or met = 0 points

The maximum score an authority can achieve is 10 (i.e. all 5 outcomes successfully delivered) 70% of the grant will then be allocated on the scoring below:-

Score	Grant
8 – 10	Full payment
6 or 7	75% payment
4 or 5	50% payment
Less than 4	No payment

- 3.4 Services have completed their year-end results, made their self-assessments and are ready to be submitted to WG for scoring. Based on the year-end result the outcome agreement score is **8**. This equates to 3 agreements as Successful and 2 agreements as partially successful. This means if WG concur with our judgement CCBC will receive the full 70% allocation for the agreements.
- 3.5 However as this score is on the borderline if WG reduce one of our agreements down further we will fall into the 6-7 category then receive 75% of the 70% payment as noted in para 3.3 above, however we are confident our judgement is sound and can be evidenced.
- 3.6 We are in the process of giving Welsh Government desktop access via Ffynnon so they can assess our agreements:
- 3.7 Members of CMT have received their outcome agreement dashboards separately however a breakdown is summarised below:

Broad Outcome (As set by WG)	Actual Outcome Agreement (Our contribution to the broad outcome)	Main projects (Specifically what we will do)	Service Self-assessment for 2012/13 (How we think we performed)
Jobs and Sustainable growth	1. Supporting the economy and business	Bargoed town will be developed. The opening of the new institute and library will support Newbridge town. Newbridge Memorial hall will re-open in Spring 2014. Footfall will improve in our town centres and its infrastructure improvements will help increase our towns overall attraction.	Successful 18 of the 20 agreed targets were met or exceeded. Further evidence shows that we have helped to increase the vitality and viability of 2 town centres.
Education	2. Improving early years experiences	The programme aims to make a decisive difference to the life chances of children aged under 4 in the areas in which it runs. Flying Start programme would be delivering full entitlement in all identified areas Child and family poverty will not negatively impact on children and young people's opportunities to learn and develop	Successful Of the 45 pieces of evidence we met or exceeded 34 of our targets. Under the 'what difference have we made' section of the agreement we met 19 of the 21 targets. The Flying Start programme is on track and now being fully delivered in 18 areas.

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Welsh Homes/ Supporting People	3. Improving quality of Homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will deliver good quality home improvements to a specification agreed with our tenants. • By 2016 at least 50% of the housing stock will have seen either internal or external improvement works. • Our tenants will be satisfied with the completed works • The Community Improvement Fund will engage residents in projects that will benefit their communities. • Deliver energy efficiency measures as part programme that will help to reduce fuel bills and help those in fuel poverty 	<p>Partially Successful</p> <p>We have not met all our key targets for 13/14. The number of homes compliant with the WHQS did not reach its target by some way due to programme slippage</p>
Safer Communities for All	4. Improving safety in communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour for residents. • Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough. • Reduce the harm caused to communities through substance misuse. 	<p>Partially Successful</p> <p>We only met 9 out of 14 of our targets under the section 'what difference have we made' and this is the main section WG assess us on.</p>
Tackling Poverty	5. Tackling worklessness and raising household income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be more young people in sustainable employment via the LSB Passport Programme • Implement the Tackling Poverty action plan to help reduce the number of families living in workless households • Improve skills of carers and parents and young people in low income households so they can secure better paid employment using the 'Get Caerphilly Online' project • More tenants that have the greatest social need will be helped to raise household income, through savings, debt and energy saving advice with the tenant support programme • Supporting people will implement a new scheme to help vulnerable people with claimant appeals 	<p>Successful</p> <p>Under the section – 'What difference have we made', we exceeded or achieved 8 out of 10 of our key targets. Our main success criteria were met with more people in sustainable employment or training via the passport scheme.</p>

A full yearly update of each agreement with narrative for each outcome agreement is available from PMU or from the Service Owners.

3.8 Conclusion

We have scored ourselves 8 out of 10 estimating we will receive the full 70% grant allocation if WG agree with our assessment.

Welsh Government will pay the remaining 30% following their desktop assessment of any significant difficulties identified in relation to special measures or corporate governance. It does not mean the authority will not receive the full 30% if in special measures however the focus is on whether there is an action plan to address them. The 13/14 AIR is the main source for this assessment by WG.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications to this report that have not been considered or would adversely affect any individual or group who fall under one of the protected characteristics or wider issues as shown in the Council's Strategic Equality Plan.
- 4.2 Equalities and Welsh Language issues are cross cutting themes and to varying degrees the Council's 7 Strategic equality Objectives support the activity of each of the Outcome Agreements.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The 3-year agreement is worth a total of up to £5.7m over 3 years.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no personnel implications.

7. CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 All responses from consultations have been incorporated into this report .
- 7.2 Corporate Management Team have been included and consulted on the performance report of the Outcome Agreements.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Cabinet are asked to note the progress against the outcome agreements for 2013/2014.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 To secure the Outcome Agreement funding of £1.87 million for 2013/14.

10. STATUTORY POWER

- 10.1 Local Government Measure 2009

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