



CABINET - 28TH OCTOBER 2020

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT - PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval of the Annual Performance Report for 2019/20 prior to its onward submission for noting by full Council.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Annual Performance Report is a statutory requirement under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and forms an important part of the Council's performance framework.
- 2.2 The Council is required to assess its own performance and provide the public with a balanced picture of that performance. The Council must also report progress against the six Well-being Objectives set out within the Corporate Plan 2018-2023. This report covers the second year of the Corporate Plan.
- 2.3 The response to the COVID pandemic has brought a refinement to the prior year approach with the report being provided in a shorter, more accessible format focused on highlighting the key impacts.
- 2.4 Welsh Government suspended the need to provide certain data sets this year and consequently no Public Accountability Measures have been collected across Wales by the Welsh Local Government Association. As a result, there are no national comparators or rankings available for this years report.
- 2.5 The Wales Audit Office is required to check whether an authority has complied with the statutory duty and to issue a 'certificate of compliance' in response. The Annual Performance Report demonstrates to the Wales Audit Office how the Council has met this duty.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:
- 1) approve the Annual Performance Report 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1.

- 2) It is recommended that Cabinet endorse the relevance and continuation of the Well-being Objectives at this third year of the five year Corporate Plan.
- 3) Agree to the onward submission of the Annual Performance Report to full Council in November

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory duty to publish its Annual Performance Report by the 31st October each year.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Cabinet endorsed the Council's Corporate Plan (2018-2023) in April 2018. The Plan was reviewed a year later in June 2019 to ensure its continued relevance. There are six long term Well-being Objectives within the Plan that Cabinet have set for the life of the administration.

- 5.2 Each of the six Well-being Objectives has a series of outcomes which sets out what the Council hopes to achieve on behalf of citizens. This Annual Performance Report sets out the progress made against those six objectives during the 2019-2020 financial year.

- 5.3 The Annual Performance Report is set out in full at Appendix 1. As part of the self-evaluation process that underpins the Report the Council is required to:

- publish its performance against a range of measures within each Well-being Objective;
- provide narrative that identifies what has gone well and where improvements can be made;
- publish a summative judgement on the progress made against each Well-being Objective

- 5.4 The summative judgements for each of the Well-being Measures for the 2019/2020 financial year are set out below:

	Well-being Objective	Summative Judgement
1	Improve education opportunities for all	Good Progress
2	Enabling employment	Good Progress
3	Address the availability, condition and sustainability of homes throughout the county borough and provide advice, assistance or support to help improve people's well-being	Partially Successful
4	Promote a modern, integrated and sustainable transport system that increases opportunity, promotes prosperity and minimizes the adverse impacts on the Environment	Good Progress
5	Creating a county borough that supports a healthy lifestyle	Partially Successful
6	Support citizens to remain independent and improve	Good Progress

	their Well-being	
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5.9 Conclusion

At the end of 2019/20 the Council can demonstrate that it has made progress against each objective. The self-evaluation has also provided a platform to celebrate the activity that has gone well, reflect on the areas that need to be improved and to identify new approaches and interventions to support future progress.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 Unless a specific objective is judged as delivered in its entirety, or assessment of data and public consultation responses change direction significantly, it is assumed these Well-being Objectives will continue throughout the course of the remaining three years of the Corporate Plan.

7. LINKS TO RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

7.1 Corporate Plan 2018-2023.

The current Corporate Plan 2018-2023 is available on the Council's website via the following link:

https://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/CaerphillyDocs/Council-and-democracy/Corporate_Plan_2018-2023.aspx

8. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 8.1 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires a public body to set Well-being Objectives in order to maximise contribution to the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of an area. The Corporate Plan 2018-2023 is the vehicle which sets out our Well-being Objectives and how they contribute towards the national well-being goals.
- 8.2 The Council is required to use the sustainable development principle in setting its well-being objectives and in delivering them. The Corporate Plan shows how the principle has been used in selecting the objectives. They have been chosen to consider the prevention of issues that may detrimentally affect well-being, each are considering the long-term factors that may improve or reduce well-being, the community view was used in setting the issues that local residents felt were important, the Corporate Plan considers how we act in collaboration with other bodies and how we integrate our activity across the authority and with partners.

9. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 No specific Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken on this report; however, the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 cites fairness and accessibility as part of the definition of what 'improvement' means. Page 26 of the Annual Performance Report provides a brief update on equalities work. Delivery of the Well-being Objectives maximises our contribution to all the national well-being goals including 'A More Equal Wales'.

If you require advice please contact Anwen Cullinane, Ext. 4404 or email equalities@caerphilly.gov.uk

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Each Well-being Objective has a section identifying the resources needed to support delivery of the objective within the corporate plan.
- 10.2 The resources to deliver the Well-being Objectives are assessed within the context of the current Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 10.3 Page 22 in the Annual Performance Report provides a Financial Summary for 2019/20

11. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

12. CONSULTATIONS

- 12.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report incorporated into the recommendation then why not.

13. STATUTORY POWER

- 13.1 Local Government Measure 2009.

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Background Papers:

CCBC Corporate Plan

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Annual Performance Report 2019/2020