



COUNCIL: 16 OCTOBER 2024

Report of: Assistant Director for Corporate & Customer Services

Relevant Lead Member: Councillor Gareth Dowling

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SUBJECT: COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

Wards affected: (All Wards);

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Council Annual Report 2023/24.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

2.1 That the Council Annual Report 2023/24 be noted.

2.2 That authority is given to the Assistant Director for Corporate & Customer Services in consultation with the relevant Lead Member to make any minor final amendments to the document prior to publication on the Council website.

3.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Council Annual Report 2023/24 provides a summary of the key achievements from across the Council aligned to the Council Vision and Priorities 2023-2028.

3.2 The report provided in Appendix 1 communicates the main achievements the Council has delivered for the public and the borough during 2023/24 drawing on information provided to Members and the public during the year. Many of the matters will be familiar to Members having been the subject of individual reports to committees and public communications.

3.3 Reporting to the public and stakeholders supports transparency and accountability. The Annual Report 2023-24 will be published on the Council website along with the associated performance information for 2023/24 provided in Appendix 2.

3.4 The annual suite of performance indicators and targets for 2023/24 provided as Appendix 2 were approved through Executive Scrutiny and Cabinet in

February/March 2023 for 2023/24. The first strategic reporting suite and priority actions as a Council Priorities Delivery Plan was agreed by Executive Scrutiny and Cabinet in March 2024 for 2024/25. Future Plans will be agreed annually through the Policy and Resources Committee. This information will be used as the basis for future Annual Reports.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this report. The Annual Report demonstrates the Council's pursuit of its priorities within resources available.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers. The report refers to progress on a strategic plan which mitigates the risk that the Council will not deliver its priorities within a balanced budget.

7.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report. The report refers to activity that has been undertaken which includes positive impact on health and wellbeing.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

APPENDIX 1: Council Annual Report 2023/24

APPENDIX 2: Performance Outturn 2023/24