

TITLE OF REPORT: The Council Plan – Six Month Assessment of Performance and Delivery 2015/2016

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SUMMARY

This report provides the six month assessment of performance for 2015/2016. It provides an update on the performance and delivery of the Council Plan 2015-2020.

Background

1. The report forms part of the Council's performance management framework and gives an overview of progress for the priorities appropriate to the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).
2. The six month performance report monitors progress against the Council Plan 2015-2020.

New Council Plan 2015-2020

3. Following significant changes in the national policy landscape and the challenging financial climate the Council has, and is still facing, a new approach to the Council Plan was developed as part of the strategic planning framework.
4. The new Council Plan 2015-2020 was approved by Cabinet on 14 July 2015 and will enable the Council, along with partners, to be better placed to achieve positive outcomes for the people of Gateshead and deliver the ambition of Vision 2030 over the next 5 years.

Five Year Target Setting 2015/16 – 2019/2020

5. As part of the Council's Performance Management Framework, five year targets were set for the period 2015/2016 to 2019/2020 which will enable performance to be monitored to ensure continuous improvement. These targets were approved by Cabinet on 14 July 2015.

Delivery and Performance

6. The six month 2015/2016 assessment of performance report relates to the remit of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee and focuses on achievements, areas identified for improvement and future actions.
7. Progress as to how well the Council is performing in relation to the equalities objectives where information is available at the six month stage is also reported in this report.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (i) consider whether the activities undertaken during the last six months are achieving the desired outcomes in the Council Plan 2015-2020;
- (ii) agree that the report be referred to Cabinet on 9 February 2016, with the recommendations from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration.

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