

Chichester District Council

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report from the Corporate Plan Task & Finish Group

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note this report from the Corporate Plan Task and Finish Group and to confirm that it is satisfied that the Council is achieving satisfactory levels of performance against the targets and activities in the 2021/22 Corporate Plan mid-year progress report.

3. Background

3.1 The Task and Finish Group met on 27 October 2021 to consider the Corporate Plan mid-year progress report from April to September 2021. The aim was to review the council's performance, identifying individual areas where performance was below that expected, and to reduce risks to an acceptable level.

3.2 Members were Mr D Palmer (Chairman), Mr A Moss and Mrs C Purnell.

3.3 Members used the council's Pentana performance management system report to review progress on key projects and performance indicators that support the Corporate Plan 2018-2021. This version of the Corporate Plan was extended for one year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, with a commitment to bring a new one forward to take effect from April 2022.

3.4 Members focussed on those projects that were in a state of 'exception' (red or amber Performance Indicators (PI)).

3.5 Divisional Managers were made available to members during the Task and Finish Group but were not required on this occasion as explanations were provided by the officers present.

4. Monitoring and Review

4.1 Members discussed planning targets for a five year housing land supply and five year supply of gypsy and traveller pitches. Although both items have a red PI the group noted that the position in relation to the housing land supply had moved on very recently and is in a better position than indicated in the report.

4.2 Members discussed the Local Plan Review (Corp Plan 137) and agreed that up to date briefing information had already been provided to all members although the group noted that the latest information indicated the project would be delayed further so may go into exception in the future.

- 4.3 Members discussed the Affordable Housing Task and Finish Group (Corp Plan 053) as this project is currently on hold. The Group noted the role of former Cllr Hughes in moving this forward and suggested it would be for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) to reconvene the group if desired.
- 4.4 With regard to LPI 204a and b, the percentage of homelessness cases reaching successful resolution (homelessness prevented or relieved) members noted the year to date figure for both PI's sits below target. The update suggests this is due to current higher demand alongside fewer staff. The Group felt the drop in performance was a concern, particularly as performance had been generally better during the pandemic.
- 4.5 Members discussed the time taken to process new claims for benefits (LPI 004a). Members noted that the target has improved over the last three months and agreed that it was not a cause for concern.
- 4.6 With regard to the A27 Improvements members noted that this target would be subject to review in the new Corporate Plan.
- 4.7 Members discussed the decarbonisation of CDC buildings (Corp Plan 011). The expected completion date was queried following delays but was confirmed as still expected.
- 4.8 Cllr Moss wished to discuss whether Residual Waste in KG (LPI 191) should be discussed in more detail by OSC. Members noted the impact of COVID and lockdown on household waste.
- 4.9 Members discussed Southern Gateway Implementation (Corp Plan 142a). It was agreed that members would discuss further at the Special Full Council meeting on 7 December 2021 when a further update to members on the current status of this project is expected.
- 4.10 Overall members considered that there were explanations for areas of the Corporate Plan where targets had not been met and many were unsurprisingly impacted by Covid, some outside the council's control and others requiring more time or resource in order to rectify.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 There was no requirement for consultation as officers were able to answer all concerns satisfactorily.

6. Community impact and corporate risks

- 6.1 The corrective actions being put in place by Officers seeks to minimise any negative impact on the community.

7. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		X

Climate Change and Biodiversity:		X
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		X
Safeguarding and Early Help:		X
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		X
Health and Wellbeing:		X
Other (please specify):		X

The boxes above have been marked as 'No' because this report does not specifically propose any new areas of work or revisions to existing work. However, it should be noted that the range of projects and performance indicators reviewed by the Group do address many of the different headings included within the table.

8. **Appendices**

None

9. **Background Papers**

Minutes - Corporate Plan Mid-year Task and Finish Group