

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
18th October 2018**

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader
County Councillor Aled Davies

SUBJECT: DRAFT Annual Performance Report 2017 – 18

REPORT FOR: Approval

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft **Annual Performance Report (APR) 2017-18** (attached at Appendix A) for consideration and approval. It sets out Powys County Council's performance during 2017-18 against delivering the Corporate Improvement Plan (2016 – 2020) priorities which were:

- Services delivered for less – remodelling council services to respond to reduced funding
- Social Service Improvement
- Developing the economy
- Learning – improving learner outcomes for all, minimising disadvantage

1.2 In April 2017 the council set and published well-being objectives as required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (Well-being Act). The well-being objectives were the same as the priorities for improvement outlined in 1.1 above and show the council's commitment to contribute to delivery of the seven national well-being goals in the Act. The council is required to report on the progress it has made in meeting its well-being objectives and must publish an annual report by no later than 31st March the following year.

1.3 The Annual Performance Report 2017-18 in Appendix A has been designed to meet the council's reporting duties under the Well-being Act and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009. In doing so, it includes:

- An overview of the progress we have made to deliver our priorities and commitments from:
 - The One Powys Plan 2014-17
 - Service plans and improvement plans
 - The Medium Term Financial Strategy and Capital Strategy
- How the steps we have taken contribute to a more sustainable Wales; the seven well-being goals
- How we are using the sustainable development principle, five ways of working to change the way we work

- Our performance against the Public Accountability Measures which are used to evaluate local council performance across Wales
- Key conclusions from audit and inspection work carried out by our external regulators, including the Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report 2017-18 (attached at Appendix B)

1.4 The APR 2017-18 aims to provide a balanced and open account of performance and has been developed using information from the following reports to ensure clear alignment and consistency:

- Quarterly SIP Achievements, Issues, Actions reports
- Quarterly programme highlight reports
- Director of Social Services Annual Report 2017-18
- Assurance and Improvement Board Reports
- Schools service Self Evaluation Report
- Efficiency Tracker
- Revenue and Capital outturn reports

2. Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that County Council consider the content of the DRAFT Annual Performance Report 2017 – 2018 (Appendix A), and approve for publication.

2.2 On approving the APR 2017-18, County Council will be satisfied that the following criteria have been met:

- Key achievements identified are collectively considered to be the most important/relevant ones to be published
- The report provides an open, balanced and realistic self-assessment of performance
- There is appropriate information which demonstrates not only what and how much the council does, but also the difference the council is making in terms of outcomes
- The document is clear and provides the right level of information that will be meaningful and relevant to all audiences

3. Options Considered / Available

3.1 N/A

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

4.1 N/A

5. Impact Assessment

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 The Annual Performance Report 2017 - 2018 sets out performance and progress against the council's Corporate Improvement Plan priorities and commitments which are also its well-being objectives.

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 The Annual Performance Evaluation impacts with equal force across the whole County.

8. Other Front Line Services

8.1 The APR reports progress against the commitments that were in the Corporate Improvement Plan 2016-20 and is not intended to be a comprehensive performance report of ALL council services, however the CIP did include key objectives from Service Improvement Plans during 2017-18.

9. Communications

9.1 As with previous editions of the APR, the Communications Team will be involved in publishing the document to ensure that it is made accessible to as many audiences as possible including residents, staff, members, partners, and regulators.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

10.1 Legal : The recommendations can be supported from a legal point of view.

10.2 Finance: The contents of the report have been noted.

11. Scrutiny

11.1 The Annual Performance Report was presented to the scrutiny Joint Chairs and Vice Chairs meeting on 11th September 2018. Their comments are attached at Appendix C, for your consideration. A number of amendments were made to the Annual Performance Report as a result of scrutiny recommendations.

12. Statutory Officers

The Head of Financial Services (Deputy Section 151 Officer) notes the contents of the report.

12.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) commented as follows : “ I note the legal comments and have nothing to add to the report.”

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows:

13. Members' Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
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<p>To approve the DRAFT Annual Performance Report 2017 – 2018 in Appendix A to the report.</p>	<p>To ensure the report gives a balanced and open account of Powys County Council’s performance during the 2017-18 financial year, against its CIP priorities / well-being objectives.</p> <p>To ensure the Council meets its statutory obligations as outlined in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p>
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<p>Relevant Policy (ies):</p>	<p>Corporate Improvement Plan 2016-19, Local Government Wales Measure 2009, Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p>		
<p>Within Policy:</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Within Budget:</p>	<p>Y</p>

<p>Relevant Local Member(s):</p>	
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<p>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</p>	
<p>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</p>	<p>31st October</p>

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: