

Public Accountability Measures 2018-19 Analysis

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET EXECUTIVE

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REPORT FOR: Information

Summary

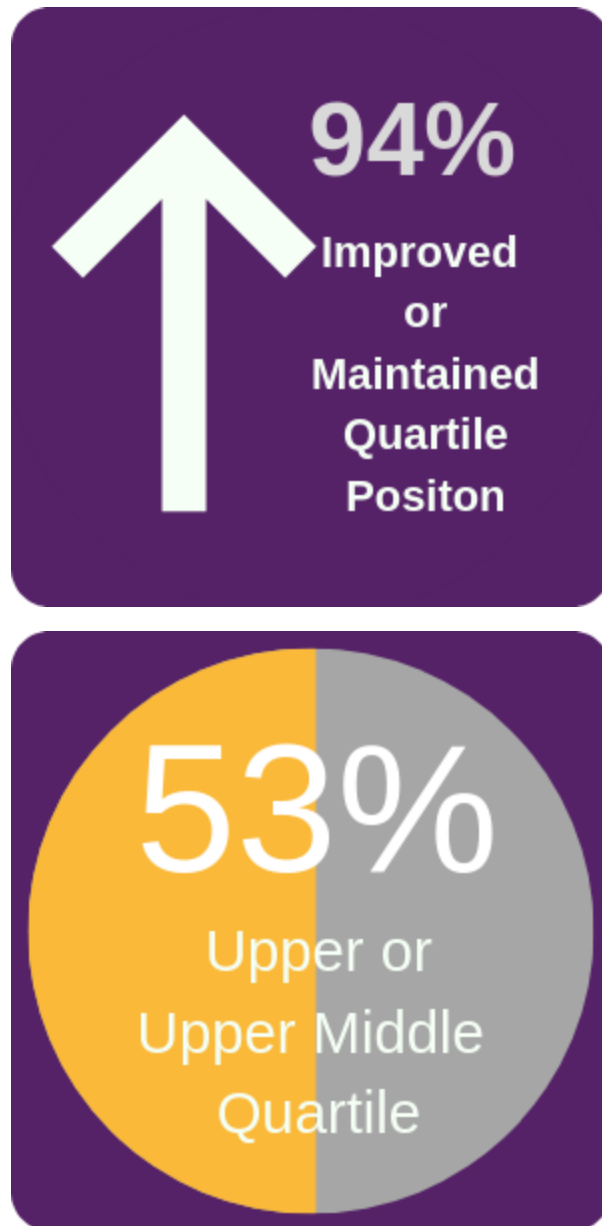
The 2018-19 Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) set contained 32 measures that assess performance across a range of council services. Of these, 22 measures are currently available for national comparison. However, it should be noted that 3 measures that relate to Social Care can not be broken down by local authority, meaning that only a year on year comparison for Powys can be given. A full picture of all Wales performance cannot be provided until December 2019. Below are some key statistics on how Powys performed during 2018-19:

Only 19 out of the 22 measures can be used to give a ranking based on their quartile positions as, already highlighted, above the 3 Social Care measures have not had their data broken down to local authority level.

(Please note this ranking may change when the remaining measures are taken into consideration in December 2019)

Overall Powys is ranked 5th of the 22 authorities.





Highlights

- PAM/017: Number of visits to local authority sport and leisure facilities during the year where the visitor will be participating in physical activity per 1,000 population - **this has improved from last year and Powys is ranked 1st in Wales.**
- PAM/001: Number of working days/shifts per full-time equivalent (FTE) local authority employee lost due to sickness absence during the year –**this has improved from last year and Powys is ranked 3rd in Wales.**
- PAM/037: Average number of calendar days taken to complete all repairs –**Powys is ranked 2nd in Wales.** It should be noted that not all authorities have housing stock.

Areas for consideration

- PAM/039: Percentage of rent debit lost due to lettable units of permanent accommodation being empty during the year – **Powys are ranked 22/22.**

Head of Service comment: It should be noted, that the Council achieved WHQS in December 2018 and there was a policy of undertaking WHQS works to void properties. We have recently introduced a voids working group; voids work is undertaken by our joint venture contractor Heart of Wales Property Services (HOWPS), and we have recently supplemented HOWPS with additional contractors to help bring voids needing extensive works back into use.

- PAM/035: Average number of working days taken to clear fly-tipping incidents reported to the authority during the year – **Powys are ranked 20/20.**

Head of Service comment: We are endeavouring to reduce fly-tipping incidents by investigating each occurrence, and taking enforcement action when appropriate. Although in some cases this does slightly extend the time to remove fly-tipping, it is a long term sustainable approach. Recent technological improvements in our recording process will also positively influence our future performance.

- PAM/022: Percentage of C roads that are in overall poor condition - **Powys are ranked 22/22.**

Head of Service comment: Percentage of non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition : Powys has 2102km of C roads the largest by far, Carmarthenshire the next highest has 1603kms. This condition status falls well below the current Welsh average. Although this is within the target, given our network lengths this equates to £33M in terms of repair costs required for these roads designated to be in 'poor condition'.

Please use the following interactive tool to view the performance of the PAMs with a comparison where available for 3 years including the all Wales average.

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Further information

Links below to useful tools for looking at the Data for the year 2018-19 for the PAMs in relation to performance, trends and Wales standing.

- Infobase Cymru¹
- My Local Council²

¹<http://www.infobasecymru.net/IAS/themes/localgovernment/localauthorityperformance?themelId=15235,15235>

²<http://www.mylowalcouncil.info/>

Preferred Choice and Reasons

Not applicable

Impact Assessment

Is an impact assessment required? No

If yes is it attached?

Corporate Improvement Plan

Report contains measures that are also used to monitor performance against the CIP 2018-23.

Local Members

This report impacts all Members equally and does not affect local Members individually.

Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the council or on behalf of the council? Yes

Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes

Communications Comment: The report is of public interest and requires proactive communication activity.

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

Legal: Not applicable

Finance: Not applicable

Statutory Officers

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

"The Solicitor to the council (Monitoring Officer) notes the content of the report"

The Head of Financial Services (Section 151 Officer):

“The 151 Officer notes the content of the report.”

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.

Recommendations

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This report recommends that Cabinet and Executive Management Team consider Powys' position in relation to the PAMs 2018/19 performance relative to other councils in Wales.

Reason for Recommendations

To understand performance against national comparators.

Policy

Relevant policy: Public Accountability Measures 2018/19

Within Policy: Yes

Within Budget: Yes

Relevant Local Members: All Members

Person(s) To Implement Decision: Executive Management Team

Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:

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