

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 DECEMBER 2020

**REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES –
MID-YEAR REPORT 2020/21**

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Mid-Year Portfolio Performance and Resource Report (PPRR) for the Children, Family Services and Education Portfolio is presented for consideration by the Committee.
- 1.2 This provides a summary of progress in delivering the portfolio priorities, reform programme and other key projects in the first half of the year, with a particular focus on the second quarter (July to September) and up to the end of October where possible. It includes forecast performance and financial data (where this is available) for the Portfolio, along with an update on the portfolio savings programme.
- 1.3 The Portfolio Report is based on the 2020/21 Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreement (PPRA), which was considered by the Committee on 9 September and approved by Cabinet on 6 October 2020. The Agreement also included updated performance and financial data for the first quarter of 2020/21, and up to the end of July in some cases. The Mid-Year Report builds on this, continuing to focus on highlights and exceptions, and with links to supporting documents, including the Portfolio Agreement.
- 1.4 The Portfolio Performance Dashboards are being launched alongside these reports, with a unique hyperlink within each report to the respective Portfolio Dashboard. These have been developed in consultation with Scrutiny Chairs and provide access to the latest data, including detailed trend, comparative analysis and commentary for portfolio performance measures.
- 1.5 In order to ensure the timeliness of this report, it is considered by Scrutiny Committee ahead of the Corporate Report (CPRR) being submitted to the Cabinet Meeting. This will also allow any significant changes or issues raised to be fed back alongside the Corporate Report at the Cabinet Meeting on 22 December.
- 1.6 Members are asked where possible to direct any detailed questions or requests for further information in advance of the meeting via the respective Democratic Services Manager to enable the timely provision of additional information.

2. Recommendations

Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- a) Consider the Mid-Year Portfolio Performance and Resource Report;
- b) Review the progress against delivering key projects, priority outcomes, targets and budgets for 2020/21;
- c) Highlight key areas of and responsibility for taking forward corrective action to address any performance or resource issues;
- d) Highlight any significant issues or changes to be fed back to the Cabinet alongside the Corporate Performance and Resource Report;
- e) Identify how areas of strong performance and good practice can be shared in other services.

Further Information:

- Previous quarterly Performance and Resource Reports - available at; <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>
- Other Portfolio Performance and Resource Reports for this quarter – published with Scrutiny Agendas (via above link);
- Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreements for 2020/21 – approved by Cabinet on 6 October 2020 are available at; <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=62369#mgDocuments>
- Council Plan 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan - approved by Council Meeting 27 Feb 2020. Available at; <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=26518&Ver=4>

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