

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR PLACE
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REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
PORTFOLIO AGREEMENTS 2020/21

1. Introduction and Purpose

- 1.1 Policy priorities for 2021/22 were set out within the Council Plan, which was adopted at the Budget Council Meeting in February. This incorporates the shared outcomes from the Borough Plan alongside specific priorities of the Cabinet.
- 1.2 These priorities, re-shaped to take account of One Stockport and Building Back Better (building on Covid19), are articulated within the Portfolio Agreements, which form the basis for regular in-year reporting. Portfolio and Corporate Performance and Resource Reports (PPRRs and CPRRs) will assess progress against key objectives, priorities, outcomes and budgets, enabling Scrutiny Committees to hold the Cabinet to account and for the Cabinet to identify current and future risks to delivery.
- 1.3 This report presents the draft 2021/22 Agreements for the Sustainable Stockport and Inclusive Neighbourhoods Portfolios for consideration and comment by the Committee.

2. Content of Portfolio Agreements

- 2.1 The Sustainable Stockport Portfolio includes the following services and functions within the Place Directorate:
- Strategic Housing
 - Network Asset Maintenance
 - Traffic Services
 - Leisure
 - Public Realm
 - Public Protection and Safety
- 2.2 The Inclusive Neighbourhoods Portfolio includes the following key services and strategies with Corporate Support Services and Place Directorates:
- Thriving Communities Programme
 - Neighbourhood Inclusion
 - Stockport Local Fund and Community Funds
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Safer Stockport Partnership
 - Adult Education / Apprenticeships

- 2.3 Portfolio priorities and delivery plans have been updated and aligned to emerging One Stockport and Building Back Better priorities and plans. Responding to Covid is reflected across all Portfolios.
- 2.4 A full review of measures was undertaken in 2020/21, with a number of new measures linked to priorities proposed for inclusion across Portfolios. Measures are categorised to reflect Council responsibility and are identified as either Council, Partnership or Contextual measures. A fuller definition of what these categories mean is contained in each of the Agreements.
- 2.5 As in 2020/21, this year's target-setting takes into account this responsibility and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Most measures will have targets (numerical; comparator; direction of travel), however, in some cases, where data is not available to reflect Covid impact (e.g. adult health and wellbeing measures) or where significant Covid impact has been experienced and robust target setting may not be possible (e.g. measures in relation to the economy and employment), targets may not be set. As in 2020/21 therefore, a number of measures in the 20/21 Agreements will not have targets. Furthermore, given the ongoing uncertainty resulting from Covid (especially relating to economic and some health and care measures) we will continue to consider appropriate measures and targets over the year.
- 2.6 Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, final versions of the Portfolio Agreements will be presented to the Cabinet for approval on 29th June 2021.

3. Portfolio Performance and Reporting 2021/22

- 3.1 With input from Scrutiny Chairs, we will continue to review and make iterative improvements to Portfolio Performance and Resource Reports (PPRRs) during 2021/22.
- 3.2 This year there will be two performance and resource reports covering Mid-Year (November) and Quarter 4/ Year End (June), plus a Q3 Update report (by exception (February). As in the previous two years, Q1 performance reports will not be produced.
- 3.3 Portfolio dashboards will be accessible via links within the regular Portfolio Performance and Resources Reports (these are being made available for the first time in the 2020/21 Year-End Portfolio Performance and Resources Reports).

4. Recommendations

Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and comment on the draft Portfolio Agreements.

Further Information:

- Council Plan 2021/22 - approved at Council Budget Meeting 25/02/2021

(available via

https://assets.ctfassets.net/ii3xdrqc6nfw/74fx7MC9Ga1OUOHw9PEShJ/ec7cfaec1330d4f92c7f5df56a46ab8c/Council_Plan_2021_to_2022.pdf)

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