

REPORT TO: CORPORATE, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 15TH JUNE 2021

REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES – DRAFT
PORTFOLIO AGREEMENTS 2021/22

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 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 Citizen Focus and Engagement and Resources, Commissioning and Governance Portfolios for consideration and comment by the Committee.

2. Content of Portfolio Agreements

- 2.1 The Resources, Commissioning and Governance Portfolio includes the following services and functions within the Corporate & Support Services and Place Directorates:
- Finance
 - Technology Services
 - Electoral Services
 - STAR Procurement
 - Revenues and Benefits
 - School Admissions
 - People and Organisational Development
 - Legal and Democratic Governance
 - Business Support
 - Strategy and Design
 - Data services
 - Traded Services
 - Estate and Asset Management (Place)
- 2.2 The Citizen Focus and Engagement Portfolio includes the following key services and strategies with Corporate & Support Services and Place Directorates:

- Information, Advice & Guidance (IAG)
- Libraries
- Marketing and Communications
- Consultation and Engagement
- Registrars and Events
- Museums and Culture (Place)
- Complaints

2.3 PPRA structure and format is largely unchanged for 2021/22, however, it should be noted that:

- Portfolio priorities and delivery plans have been developed aligned to the 2021/22 Council Plan, updated to reflect One Stockport Borough Plan priorities and objectives and incorporating the developing One Stockport transformation programme projects.
- Measures have been reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Council Plan, identifying any gaps in monitoring of key portfolio priorities and objectives, and aligning with the development of the Borough Plan Outcomes Framework and new strategies and plans.
- Target-setting takes into account the continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic – given this there are a number of measures without targets (e.g. measures in relation to the economy and employment) or having lower target levels in the 2021/22 Agreements.

2.4 Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, final versions of the Portfolio Agreements will be presented to the Cabinet for approval on 29th June.

3. 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
- 2021/22 Cabinet Revenue Budget and Capital Programme - also approved at Council Budget Meeting

Both available via

<http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=27096&Ver=4>

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