

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 16TH JUNE 2021

REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES – ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Annual Portfolio Performance and Resource Report (PPRR) for the Children, Family Services and Education Portfolio is presented for consideration by the Committee.
- 1.2 The report provides a comprehensive summary of progress against portfolio priorities, performance indicators and budgets during the second half of 2020/21, with a specific focus on the fourth quarter (January to March 2021).
- 1.3 The PPRR is based on the 2020/21 Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreement (PPRA), which was considered by the Committee on 23 September 2020 and approved by Cabinet on 6 October 2020. The draft PPRA for 2021/22 is included elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.
- 1.4 Out-turn performance data is reported where available. Provisional data is included in some cases, and the latest data is shown where the full-year figure is not yet available. Exception commentary is also included to provide context to the data.
- 1.5 A link is included to the web-based portfolio performance dashboard, where members can access further information on these measures, including longer-term trends and comparative data.
- 1.6 In order to ensure the timeliness of these reports, they are considered by Scrutiny Committees 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 29 June.
- 1.7 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 Annual Portfolio Performance and Resource Report;
- b) Review the progress against delivering key 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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