

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Corporate Performance and Resources - Annual Report 2020/21

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 29 June 2021**

**Report of:** Leader of the Council and Cabinet Leader

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance

**Key Decision: N**

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

#### **Summary:**

The Annual Corporate Performance and Resource Report (CPRR) provides a summary of progress in delivering the Council's priority outcomes and budget in the second half of the financial year, with a particular focus on the fourth quarter of 2020/21 (January – March 2021) and up to the end of May where possible.

The report reflects the 2020/21 Council Plan, MTFP and Portfolio priorities. It includes additional priorities and delivery plans developed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. A short Budget Monitoring update was produced for Quarter 3 and presented to Cabinet in February and CRMG Scrutiny in April.

The CPRR includes an executive summary and performance analysis, along with the out-turn position on revenue and capital, and a focus on highlights and exceptions during the year.

The Corporate Performance Dashboard, accompanied by seven Portfolio Performance Dashboards, provides further detail for the suite of 'Corporate' measures analysed in Section 2 of the report, including trends, comparative data and commentary. A unique link to the Corporate Performance Dashboard can be found within the CPRR itself.

The CPRR was presented to CRMG Scrutiny on 15 June alongside the Portfolio Reports. This ensures these reports are more timely and avoid duplication, also allowing for any changes to be made to the report before it is considered by Cabinet.

#### **Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:**

I'm pleased to present the Annual Corporate Report, setting out progress in delivering the council's priorities and spending plans over the last twelve months. The report was considered at the recent CRMG Scrutiny Committee, and I welcome their constructive comments and feedback.

We've continued to respond to the challenges presented by the pandemic. As a council, with our partners, communities and businesses, we've done our best to protect, support and help the people of Stockport through this continuing unprecedented and challenging time. We are incredibly proud of how our council staff and services have pulled together with the people of Stockport to help each other deal with the practical, economic and social impact of the pandemic.

Like all councils, we felt the impact of reduced income, cost pressures and increased demand over the year. Our plans for delivering a balanced budget looked very different from March 2020 onwards, but we were determined to take a planned approach from the outset and avoid any 'knee jerk' reactions to the crisis.

The adverse impact on the council's finances over the year is estimated to be £70.6M gross – and without Government support grants of £45.6M this would have been an insurmountable position. As it is, the funding gap of around £25M has meant that a range of options has had to be used to bridge the gap and provide financial resilience and sustainability and these are explored in detail within the report.

We have learned a great deal over the last year, and this has helped inform our commitment to re-shaping our services and working differently with our communities, digitally, in partnership and with our employees. We will bring further updates during the year on how we are delivering against our ambitions and priorities.

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### **Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet is asked to:

- a) Review progress against delivering council priorities and capital schemes alongside budget and performance out-turns contained within the report;
- b) Note the key achievements against Shared Priorities (Exec Summary) and analysis of corporate performance for 2020/21 (Section 1);
- c) Note the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit out-turn positions for 2020/21 as set out in section 3.3;
- d) Note the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund outturn positions as set out in sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7;
- e) Note the appropriations to/from reserves and balances as set out in section 3.8 and note the resulting reserves and balances position as at 31 March 2021;
- f) Note the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic set out in section 3.9;
- g) Note the update on the council's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) investments plan set out in Section 3.10;
- h) Note the update on the production of the council's 2020/21 Annual Statement of Accounts set out in section 3.11;
- i) Approve the delegation for changes to the outturn, reserves and/or balances position to the Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Director – Corporate and Support Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning and Governance.
- j) Note the position for the 2020/21 Capital Programme as set out in section 4.1;
- k) Note the adjustments and re-phasing of capital schemes during the quarter as set out in 4.2;
- l) Approve the proposals for resourcing and additional resources required for the Capital Programme as set out in 4.2.3;
- m) Approve the resourcing of the capital programme as set out in section 4.3;
- n) Approve the 2020/21 prudential indicators as set out in section 4.4; and
- o) Identify key areas for further investigation and responsibility for taking forward corrective action to address any existing or outturn issues or risks.

### **Appendices**

1. 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account Outturn as at 31 March 2021
2. Reserves and Balances as at 31 March 2021

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in):  
Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication):

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**'Urgent Business':**

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