

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Portfolio Performance and Resources - Portfolio Agreements 2021/22

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 ☐

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if applicable)

Summary:

The seven Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreements (PPRAs) for 2021/22 have been considered by the last cycle of Scrutiny Committees. These reflect the policy priorities for 2021/22 set out within the Council Plan, which was adopted at the Budget Council Meeting in February.

Portfolio priorities and delivery plans have been updated to reflect One Stockport Borough Plan priorities and objectives, and incorporate the developing One Stockport transformation programme projects.

Measures have been reviewed to ensure that they continue to reflect our priorities and ambitions, 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.

The agreements will 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.

Following consideration and comment by Scrutiny, final versions of the Portfolio Agreements are now presented to the Cabinet for approval.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:

Whilst we all welcome the re-opening of our local businesses, there remains a great deal of uncertainty with the increase in Covid-19 infection rates in Stockport, along with the postponement of the final lifting of restrictions. Our plans over the next 12 months will therefore need to continue to be 'agile' and adapt to changing circumstances and legislation. As we look to recover from the impact of the pandemic, we will continue to work in partnership with our local communities, businesses and other public services to meet these challenges.

Our seven Portfolio Agreements set out in detail how we intend to do this, including how we will go about addressing a continued funding shortfall, as well as transforming services in order to meet the changing needs of our residents. The One Stockport Borough Plan has been developed in consultation with our residents, communities and businesses, and sets out our ambitious long-term partnership vision for the borough. These ambitions are reflected in our portfolio priorities, targets and spending plans, progress against which will be reported on a regular basis not only to Scrutiny Committees, but also through continuing to engage with local residents through a range of media.

We are aware of the impact of the pandemic on widening inequalities across the borough. Getting a better understanding of these and how to address them will be a key area of work across all portfolios during the year. We know we can't achieve this on our own, so this will be driven by our partnerships and work across Greater Manchester.

We are proud of our town and the achievements we have delivered to put Stockport back on the map. The ambitions articulated within these Agreements are focused around a sustainable, community-centred approach that protects the vulnerable and places people at the heart of everything we do. We believe that these plans will allow us to meet the challenges we face and the changing needs of our residents and businesses over the coming year.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:

It is recommended that Cabinet approve the 2021/22 Portfolio Agreements included at Appendices 1-7 to the report.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in):

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

Background Papers (if report for publication):

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'Urgent Business': ☒ / No
