

REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 24 NOVEMBER 2021

**REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT TITLE: PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES –
MID-YEAR REPORT 2021/22**

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The Mid-Year Portfolio Performance and Resource Report (PPRR) for the Children, Family Services and Education Portfolio is presented for consideration by the Committee.
- 1.2 This provides a summary of progress in delivering the portfolio priorities, reform programmes and other key projects in the first half of the year, with a particular focus on the second quarter (July to September). It includes forecast performance and financial data (where this is available) for the Portfolio, along with an update on the portfolio savings programme.
- 1.3 The Portfolio Report is based on the 2021/22 Portfolio Performance and Resource Agreement (PPRA), which was considered by the Committee on 16 June and approved by Cabinet on 29 June 2021. A Financial Update Report covering the period to the end of July was considered by CRMG Scrutiny and Cabinet in September.
- 1.4 The Mid-Year Report focuses on highlights and exceptions with links to supporting documents, including the Portfolio Agreement. It also updates on delivery of partnership priorities set out in the new ONE Stockport Borough Plan.
- 1.5 The Portfolio Performance Dashboard has been updated and can be accessed via the hyperlink within the report. This provides access to the latest data, including detailed trend, comparative analysis (where available) and commentary for all portfolio performance measures.
- 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 7 December.
- 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 Mid-Year Portfolio Performance and Resource Report;
- b) Review the progress against delivering key projects, priority outcomes, targets and budgets for 2021/22;

- 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 2021/22 – approved by Cabinet on 29 June 2021 are available at; <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=66658#mgDocuments>
- Council Plan 2021/22 and Medium-Term Financial Plan - approved by Council Meeting 25 Feb 2021. Available at; <http://democracy.stockport.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MId=27096>
- ONE Stockport Borough Plan available at; <https://www.onestockport.co.uk/the-stockport-borough-plan/>

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