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#### **Cabinet**

Date: Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1 - Civic Centre

To: Councillors D Wilcox (Chair), P Cockeram, G Giles, D Harvey, R Jeavons, D Mayer,

J Mudd, R Truman and M Whitcutt

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## Agenda Item 1





#### **Cabinet**

Dyddiad: Dydd Mercher, 18 Hydref 2017

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At: Cynghorwyr: D Wilcox (Cadeirydd), P Cockeram, G Giles, D Harvey, R Jeavons,

D Mayer, J Mudd, R Truman a M Whitcutt

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## Agenda Item 4

## Minutes



#### **Cabinet**

Date: 13 September 2017

Time: 4.00 pm

Present: Councillors D Wilcox (Chair), P Cockeram, G Giles, D Harvey, R Jeavons,

D Mayer, J Mudd, R Truman and M Whitcutt

In Attendance: W Godfrey (Chief Executive), J Harris (Strategic Director – People), G Price

(Head of Law and Regulation), R Cornwall (Head of People and Business Change), M Rushworth (Head of Finance), K Duffin (Head of Regeneration,

Investment and Housing).

#### 1 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mudd declared an interest in Item 7: Newport City Homes Governance Changes, as a board member for Newport City Homes.

#### 2 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017 were confirmed as a true record.

#### 3 Wales Audit Office Annual Improvement Report

The Leader of the Council invited Wales Audit Office colleagues to the meeting, to present the Annual Improvement Report for 2016/17, describing how the Council is meeting its duty to demonstrate continuous improvement under the Local Government Measure (2009).

Drawing on the audit and inspection activity carried out in the last year, the report concluded that the Council was meeting its statutory requirements in relation to continuous improvement.

The Leader welcomed the news that the Council was continuing to improve, despite the financial, legislative and population growth challenges it was facing. It was noted that no new formal recommendations were made in the last year, and the proposals for improvement from the various studies had been incorporated into the appropriate plans to ensure they were acted upon and monitored.

The report included a summary of the WAO's governance review findings, which would be discussed under the next item. It was also highlighted that the Data Quality Review would be reported shortly as a Cabinet Member decision report.

#### **Decision:**

To welcome the findings of the Auditor General in the Annual Improvement Report, and ensure that the council is putting in place arrangements to address the issues identified in this report.

#### 4 Wales Audit Office Governance Review

Wales Audit Office colleagues presented their second report: "Good Governance when Determining Significant Service Changes – Newport City Council". This was part of a national review undertaken by Wales Audit Office across all Welsh Councils, and the report detailed the findings for Newport City Council. A national summary report was also in the process of being collated.

WAO "concluded that the Council's governance arrangements for determining significant service change are improving, and it recognises that its vision and change programme needs to be refreshed to strengthen its arrangements further". WAO colleagues reported that the Council's governance arrangements were clear and well understood, and progress had been made since the Corporate Assessment. Pre-decision scrutiny had increased, and it was positive to note that officers were prepared to put forward a full range of options for discussion by Members. The Council had effective arrangements for stakeholder engagement, although improvements could be made to how the Council then made use of this information. There was also opportunity to improve monitoring of the impact of service change, for example by agreeing monitoring arrangements before changes were agreed. Overall, this was a positive report, showing that the Council was learning from previous projects and the corporate assessment.

The Leader thanked WAO colleagues for their presentation, and welcomed the positive findings of the report. The Leader also noted the best practice examples from Newport that had been highlighted as part of the national review, including the ward profiles and our approach to the wellbeing assessment. The Leader commented on the positive changes made in democratic services in the recent months, and the administration's commitment to improving the Council's scrutiny and governance arrangements.

Cabinet Members spoke in support of the report's findings, commenting in particular upon the additional challenges presented by the Council's current financial position. The Chief Executive also highlighted that the Council's staffing levels had decreased by 20% in recent years, recognising the additional pressure this placed on the remaining workforce, and praising the hard work of Council staff.

#### Decision:

To receive the findings of the Good Governance When Determining Significant Service Changes report, and agree the proposed actions to address the proposals for improvement.

#### 5 Newport City Homes Governance Changes

The Leader of the Council introduced the report, which asked Cabinet to make recommendations to Council to approve changes to the rules of procedure and internal governance arrangements for Newport City Homes (NCH). The proposal was to move in line with the new model rules approved by the Welsh Government and the Financial Conduct Authority, which it was proposed would provide a more robust, modern and flexible governance framework to enable the organization to develop and move with the times.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing presented the detail of the report, highlighting the changing operating context for Registered Social Landlords in Wales, and the need to respond to changes in terms of the legislative and regulatory framework. The new model rules were launched in May 2017, and the report would allow NCH to move forward with these changes. It was highlighted that a similar process had been followed by the Council in relation to Newport Housing Trust, where the Council had approved governance changes to support the organization as it reached maturity. The Cabinet Member also underlined the ongoing relationship that would exist between NCH and the

Council, with strong partnership arrangements in place through the Public Services Board and the new Scrutiny Committee focusing upon partnerships.

Cabinet Members spoke in favour of the proposals, commenting that the proposed arrangements would arguably result in a more constructive relationship with NCH, with the Council able to act as a "critical friend". Cabinet Members commented that the changes were in anticipation of likely legislative changes in the future, and this represented sector-leading practice. Members also highlighted the excellent approach taken in response to the tragic events of Grenfell Tower, both in terms of the actions taken and the information provided to tenants.

#### Decision:

That the Cabinet make the following recommendations for adoption and ratification by full Council:

- a) That the Council consents to the proposed changes in governance arrangements;
- b) That the Council approves the proposed amendments to the Rules to implement these governance changes;
- c) That the Council's corporate vote be exercised in favour of the proposed special resolution, whether in person or by proxy, at the Special General Meeting of Newport City Homes convened for this purpose;
- d) That the Head of Law and Regulation be authorised to agree and complete a Deed of Variation to the Stock Transfer Agreement, to reflect these changes.

#### 6 Corporate Plan

The Leader of the Council presented the draft Corporate Plan, which set out what the Council intended to do over the next five years to Build on Success and Build a Better Newport. The draft plan outlined how the Council intended to achieve its goals, and how it would meet the statutory responsibilities required by the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The draft plan also included the Council's Wellbeing Objectives, agreed by Cabinet and published in March.

The plan was currently in draft form, and would be going to the relevant scrutiny committee for consideration before the final version was agreed and recommended to Council for adoption. The Leader thanked staff and Cabinet colleagues for their input into developing the plan, and translating the manifesto pledges of the administration into corporate aims and objectives for the current five-year term.

#### Decision:

To agree the draft Corporate Plan for consultation with Scrutiny.

#### 7 Improvement Plan 2016-18: Year End Review

The Leader of the Council presented the report, outlining the progress made in 2016-17 towards delivery of the current Improvement Plan. It was noted that overall progress was assessed as being "good", with most improvement objectives performing well. In particular, excellent progress had been made against Objective 2, "ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs". The report also highlighted that this was the sixth consecutive year where the number of informal (stage 1) complaints had decreased since the recording process began in 2011.

The Leader reported that All Wales performance data for last year was due to be released today, and would undergo consideration by Scrutiny before being reported to Cabinet's next

meeting. The Leader also noted the excellent work being done around NEETs, and the challenge to now maintain the high performance in that area.

Commenting in support of the report, Cabinet Members praised the positive progress being made against a difficult financial backdrop.

#### Decision:

To note the contents of the report, to commend the areas of successful service delivery and to recommend the report to Council.

#### 8 Corporate Risk Register Update

The Leader of the Council presented the latest update to the Corporate Risk Register. A full review of the register had been undertaken since it was last reported to Cabinet; of the 14 risks in the register, 4 remained from the previous update, 2 had been closed, 2 had been updated, and 8 new risks had been identified. There were 5 high and 9 medium risks, the detail of which were contained within the report.

The Leader commented on the good news that Friars Walk was no longer classed as a significant risk. Cabinet discussed the increasing risks relating to cyber security, and the work being done within the Council and the Shared Resource Service to ensure appropriate safeguards against cyber attacks. Cabinet commended the hard work of staff during a previous ransomware attack, which had had limited impact due to the robust systems in place.

The Head of People and Business Change confirmed that the register would be reported back to Cabinet regularly, incorporated into service plans, and regularly considered by the audit committee.

Cabinet discussed the ongoing financial risk relating to high cost out of area placements in Education and Children's Services. It was agreed that this should be examined further and considered for inclusion in the register.

#### Decision:

To note the contents of the Corporate Risk Register and request regular updates regarding the planned mitigating actions.

#### 9 July Revenue Budget Monitor

The Leader presented the latest Revenue Budget Monitor, detailing the current forecast position on the Council's revenue budget as of the end of July. When the last monitor was considered in July, Cabinet noted the ongoing pressures and overspends within the budget, which were able to be managed through underspending in other areas. This latest report now showed a forecasted overspend of £1.4m at the end of July. The Council was able to offset this through using the unused revenue budget contingency, bringing the budget to an almost balanced position.

The reasons for budget pressures were understood, and spending was being monitored and managed closely to bring the forecasts back to a more comfortable position. However, a significant part of the pressures were due to areas outside of our control. Increasing out of area placements, for both Education and Children's Services, were an unpredictable and significant element. The Council was doing what it could to manage these pressures within the Council, but this was also a national issue. The Leader reported that she would be raising this through the WLGA, to suggest that a national approach was taken, to highlight

with the judiciary the financial impact of the decisions made in court on the provision of care packages.

The Leader highlighted that the budget was everybody's responsibility across the Council, and the administration would do everything it could to balance the budget by year end.

The Head of Finance highlighted the importance of managing the budget, and the knock on impact of overspending for next year's budget if it was not brought under control. The Chief Executive also noted that the overspend represented less than 1% of overall spending, and was in line with similar patterns of spending in previous years. He assured Cabinet that appropriate actions would be taken to deliver a balanced position by the year end.

#### Decisions:

To note the overall budget forecast position and the key assumptions and issues which underpin and impact on the Council's financial forecast position.

To approve the use of all the Council's contingency budget to balance the current level of overspending, which will be assessed each month on an on-going basis.

To agree to instruct all areas of the Council to maintain robust financial management and bring forward planned underspending wherever possible to mitigate against the current position.

To note the level of undelivered savings within each directorate and the risks associated with this

To note the forecast movements in reserves.

To note and ratify the Corporate Management Team's decision to implement a targeted spending freeze for all non-essential spend.

To agree the use of and note the balance in respect of the investment reserve which has been assumed within current forecast.

#### 10 Capital Budget Monitor

The Leader of the Council presented the standard update on the capital budget, monitoring the programme of spending and asking Cabinet to approve any additions since the last monitor. It was reported that the forecast outturn was looking similar to previous years, carrying a small underspend. Further monitors would be reported through the year to ensure this position was maintained.

#### Decision:

To approve the additions to the Capital Programme requested in the report.

To note the capital expenditure forecast position as at July 2017.

To note the balance of and approve the allocation of in-year capital receipts.

#### 11 123-129 Commercial Street

The Leader of the Council introduced the report, asking Cabinet to approve a finance package of just over £1m and negotiate terms of an on-lending facility necessary to secure the redevelopment of 123-129 Commercial Street and additional housing led regeneration projects.

Presenting the detail of the proposals, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing reported that this represented the next steps in the redevelopment of this area, which was a key city centre gateway. The Cabinet Member noted the positive response from the public to these proposals, and the importance of realising this project to revitalise this area of the city.

Cabinet Members spoke in favour of the proposals, welcoming the scheme and the much needed investment it would bring to this area. Thanks were also given to the members and officers involved in developing and negotiating these proposals to ensure the project could go ahead.

#### Decision:

To approve a finance package of £1,050,700 and negotiate terms of an on-lending facility necessary to secure the redevelopment of 123-129 Commercial Street and additional housing led regeneration projects.

#### 12 Work Programme

The Leader presented the Cabinet Work Programme.

#### Decision:

To agree the proposed programme.

## Report

# Agenda Item 5 NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL CYNGOR DINAS CASNEWYDD

#### Cabinet

Part 1

Date: 18 October 2017

Subject Improvement Plan 16-18 Update for Quarter 1

(April - June 2017)

**Purpose** To Update the Cabinet on the council's progress regarding management and

monitoring of the Improvement Objectives set out in the Improvement Plan 2016-18

**Author** Head of People and Business Change

Ward All

**Summary** In April 2016 full Council approved the eight Improvement Objectives in the

Improvement Plan for 2016-18. This report summarises progress towards delivering the actions set out in the plan and the performance measures that support those

actions in 16/17.

The overall assessment of progress towards achieving the Improvement Objectives

set out in the plan is classed as 'Green - Good.'

IP2 Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs, IP3 Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation and IP8 Improving outcomes for

youth justice have all been rated Amber – acceptable.

These objectives constitute directly to the achievement of the Well-being Objectives which were agreed by Cabinet in March 2017, these aim to maximise our

contribution to the Well-being Goals for Wales.

**Proposal** Cabinet is asked to:

 Note the progress made during the first quarter of 2017/18 regarding key actions and measures

 To agree that corrective action be taken to address areas of underperformance

**Action by** Chief Executive, Strategic Directors and Heads of Service

Timetable Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Directors
- Heads of Service
- Chair of Cabinet

#### Signed

#### **Background**

The eight Improvement Objectives 2016-18 are linked according to the four Well-being Objectives below:

#### To improve skills, educational and employment opportunities

#### IP Objective 4: City Regeneration and Development

The objective goes hand-in-hand with the delivery of the Council's ten-year Economic Growth Strategy 'People, Places, Prosperity', which will continue to drive Newport forward as 'an area of visible change, with high aspirations, high achievement and shared prosperity'.

#### IP Objective 5: Supporting young people into education, employment or training

Evidence from work undertaken by Professor David Egan (on behalf of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation) suggests that efforts to prevent young people from becoming NEET have a more profound long term impact than work undertaken to support young people who are NEET back into provision. The Improvement Objective of Supporting Young people to remain within education, employment or training focuses on early identification, information sharing and additional, specific provision to meet the needs of young people.

#### IP Objective 6: Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children

To ensure all our pupils are effectively engaged in education so that they can attain the best possible educational outcomes. This includes vulnerable learners that may be at risk of not reaching their expected level of attainment.

#### To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment

#### IP Objective 4: City Regeneration and Development

The objective goes hand-in-hand with the delivery of the Council's ten-year Economic Growth Strategy 'People, Places, Prosperity', which will continue to drive Newport forward as 'an area of visible change, with high aspirations, high achievement and shared prosperity'.

#### IP Objective 7: Increasing recycling

To ensure Newport delivers the Welsh Government objectives for the increasing of recycling and the European targets for diversion of waste from landfill, every recycling and diversion opportunity available to the city must be explored and where applicable, implemented. The diversion of residual municipal waste from landfill will largely be covered by the operation of Prosiect Gwyrdd. Therefore, this objective will largely focus on encouraging businesses and residents within the city to recycle more which will maximise the potential currently being classified and treated as residual waste.

#### To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient

#### IP Objective 1: Improving independent living for older people

Working with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and partner agencies Neighbourhood Care Networks (NCN's) have been developed comprising all Primary Care, health and social care community providers operating across the West, East and North of the city with boundaries which broadly coincide with the Team around the Cluster boundaries, and they have an adopted range of priorities to improve the health and wellbeing of the population,

many of which are contributors to the Health and Wellbeing theme work to deliver the Newport Single Integrated Plan.

#### IP Objective 2: Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs

We will help people identify and fulfil the outcomes they want to achieve, where possible utilising their ideas and preferences with an emphasis on co-production and use their own ideas and resources. We will help people with care and support needs to stay safe whilst promoting their independence and control whilst supporting positive risk taking through the provision of high quality care and support services.

#### To build cohesive and sustainable communities

#### IP Objective 3: Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation

The objective is to ensure that people have access to suitable accommodation. For most people, their homes are the foundation for everyday life and are critical to their quality of life. Most households are able to find homes through owner-occupation, the social rented sector or, increasingly, the private rental market but we need to make sure that the supply of housing is aligned to local housing needs and that there is help available for individual households who cannot find homes or whose housing is unsuitable, in poor condition or at risk.

#### IP Objective 4: City Regeneration and Development

The objective goes hand-in-hand with the delivery of the Council's ten-year Economic Growth Strategy 'People, Places, Prosperity', which will continue to drive Newport forward as 'an area of visible change, with high aspirations, high achievement and shared prosperity'.

#### IP Objective 8: Improving outcomes for youth justice

The principle aim of the youth justice system, established by section 37 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, is to prevent offending by children and young people. This relates to prevention of anti-social behaviour and offending; appropriate use of Out of Court Disposals to divert young people from the criminal justice system; reducing the rate of proven re-offending and reducing the proportion of young people sentenced to custody. In line with Welsh Government and Youth Justice Board policy, we believe that prevention is better than cure and that children are young people first and offenders second.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluating Progress**

#### 1. Summary of Performance

Appendix one presents an evaluation of performance summary of progress.

#### **2 Progress towards Improvement Objectives**

In order to provide a more meaningful assessment of the progress of the Improvement Plan and enable more informed judgement to be undertaken, the following assessments have been made about the Improvement Objectives. Those Improvement Objectives assessed as 'Excellent' or 'Good' are not cause for concern. Areas assessed as 'Acceptable' will require attention to address underperformance.

Appendix two details progress towards each of the eight Improvement Objectives. An overall evaluation of progress is made using the following criteria.

Status		Evaluated as	Explanation
Green Star	*	Excellent	All actions and measures are on track
Green	*	Good	Actions and measures are on mostly on track, one or two falling marginally short of planned targets
Amber	•	Acceptable	Some actions and measures have deviated from plan and are some are falling short of planned targets
Red	<b>A</b>	Improvement Required	Actions and measures are of concern and are mostly falling short of planned targets

Report produced in	September		December	March		June	
To show status for	Q1 Apr-Jun		Q2 Jul-Sept	Q3 Oct-D	ec	Q4 Jan-Mar	
Improving     Independent     Living for Older     People	Green - Good	*					
Ensuring people     have the right     social services to     meet their needs	Amber- Acceptable						
Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation	Amber- Acceptable	•					
4. City Regeneration and Development	Green - Good	*	<u></u>				
5. Supporting young people into education, employment or training	Green – Good	*					
6. Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children	Green - Good	*					
7. Increasing recycling	Green - Good	*					
Improving outcomes for youth justice	Amber- Acceptable	•					
OVERALL	Green - Good	*	I				

The overall assessment of progress towards achieving the Improvement Objectives set out in the plan is classed as 'Green – Good.' IP2 Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs, IP3 ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation and IP8 Improving outcomes for youth justice have all been rated Amber – acceptable. Good progress is being made overall.

#### **Financial Summary**

The financial implication of individual projects relating to the Improvement Plan are reported as part of the on-going medium term financial planning and budget monitoring processes and in that respect, having clear responsibility and accountability for delivering the projects and managing resources is key.

#### **Risks**

Each individual action in this report is subject to financial and risk assessment in its own right in accordance with council procedures

Risk	Impact of	Probability	What is the council doing or what	Who is
	risk if it	of risk	has it done to avoid the risk or	responsible for
	occurs	occurring	reduce its effect	dealing with the
	(H/M/L)	(H/M/L)		risk
That the council's	H	M	The council will assess the	Project managers
plans and projects			impact of its actions on an on-	for individual
do not have the			going basis and enable	action plans
desired impact on			adjustments to actions and	
the city			policies to be brought forward as	
			the need arises	
That major	H	L	Quarterly reporting to cabinet,	Project managers
impacts are not			together with opportunity for	
properly monitored			scrutiny reviews will enable	
due to faulty			adjustments to monitoring regime	
assessment of risk			to be implemented as the need	
and/or impact			arises	
That on-going	H	L	The assessment criteria for	Cabinet /
monitoring			monitoring progress are	Corporate
impedes progress			designed to ensure monitoring is	•
on project delivery			proportionate to impact and	
			purpose. This will be reassessed	
			as part of the on-going reporting	
			process	

#### **Links to Council Policies and Priorities**

This report directly links with all of the council's priorities identified in the Corporate Plan and the Improvement Plan 2016-18.

As outlined in the report there is also a link to the Well-being Objectives agreed in March 2017, these will form part of the new Corporate Plan and Improvement Plan from 2017 onwards.

#### **Options Available and considered**

- To accept the quarterly progress update of the Improvement Plan and challenge areas of poor performance or
- 2. Not to accept the quarterly progress update of the Improvement Plan

#### **Preferred Option and Why**

Option 1) is the preferred option in that it takes account of our current position and provides a plan for continued improvement within the framework of the council's Corporate Plan.

#### **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

The financial implication of individual projects relating to the Improvement Plan are reported as part of the on-going medium term financial planning and budget monitoring processes and in that respect, having clear responsibility and accountability for delivering the projects and managing resources is key.

#### **Comments of Monitoring Officer**

The details set out in this report reflect the requirements of the Local Government Measure. The approach for monitoring progress against corporate priorities and strategies is consistent with the council's performance management framework and risk management principles.

#### **Comments of Head of People and Business Change**

There are no direct staffing implications as a result of this report. The Improvement Plan 2016-18, gives clarity of vision which should help employees, managers and stakeholders understand our corporate priorities, how they are being assessed and what this means for individuals.

The Improvement Plan 2016-18 demonstrates the council's commitment to improving the lives of citizens and also plays a part in the council's contribution to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the Sustainable Development Principle has been considered during the development of the plan and its objectives. The improvement objectives will also contribute to the council's wellbeing objectives which form the basis of the Corporate Plan 2017. Ultimately they will add value to the council's contribution to the Wellbeing Goals for Wales, ensuring that the needs of current generations are met without compromising the ability to meet the needs of future generations.

#### **Comments of Cabinet Member**

The Chair of Cabinet has been consulted and has agreed that this report goes forward to Cabinet for consideration.

#### Local issues

No local issues.

#### **Scrutiny Committees**

This report was considered by:

- Performance Scrutiny Committee Place and Corporate on 2 October 2017
- Performance Scrutiny Committee People on 3 October 2017

Scrutiny comments are contained in the minutes of those meetings and copies will be provided to Cabinet Members directly.

#### **Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010**

An EIA was completed for the Improvement Plan 2016/17

#### **Children and Families (Wales) Measure**

Although no targeted consultation takes place specifically aimed at children and young people, there has been extensive consultation in the last year about well-being priorities, which will be considered in the development of the new corporate plan 2017 onwards.

#### **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 which came into force in April 2016 sets the context for the move towards long term planning of services. A programme of training for senior management and elected members is underway so that the wide-ranging and transformational implications of the Act are understood and can be embedded in the council's ways of working.

The Improvement Plan objectives have links to each of the well-being objectives and the well-being goals.

Well-being Objective	Contribution to Well-being Goals	Link to Improvement Plan Objective
To improve skills, educational outcomes and employment opportunities	A prosperous Wales A more equal Wales	4 – City Regeneration and Development 5 – Supporting young people into education, employment or training 6 – Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children
To promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	A prosperous Wales A resilient Wales A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	4 – City Regeneration and Development 7 – Increasing recycling
To enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient	A healthier Wales A resilient Wales A more equal Wales A prosperous Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	1 – Improving independent living for older people     2 – Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs
To build cohesive and sustainable communities	A more equal Wales A Wales of cohesive communities A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh Language A globally responsible Wales	3 - Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation 8 – Preventing Offending and Reoffending of young people 4 – City Regeneration and Development

#### Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

#### Consultation

The objectives in the improvement plan were chosen based on the results of consultation with the public, members and staff.

#### **Background Papers**

Council Report "Corporate Plan 2012-2017" (25/09/12)

Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan Priorities 2016-18

Street Scene, Regeneration and Safety Scrutiny Committee, Draft Improvement Plan 2016-18

Community Planning and Development Scrutiny, Draft Improvement Plan 2016-18 Learning, Caring and Leisure Scrutiny Committee, Draft Improvement Plan 2016-18

Performance Board, Draft Improvement Plan 2016-18

Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan 2016-18

Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan Quarter 1 Update (17/09/16)
Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan Quarter 2 Update (01/12/16)
Council Report: Improvement Plan Review for 2017-18 (23/01/17)
Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan Quarter 3 Update (20/03/17)
Cabinet Report: Improvement Plan Quarter 4 Update (14/06/17)

Performance Scrutiny Committee - Place and Corporate on 2 October 2017

Performance Scrutiny Committee – People on 3 October 2017

Dated: 11 October 2017

#### Appendix 1.

#### Summary of Performance Q1 April - June 2017

#### 1. Improving independent living for older people

Overall Assessment this quarter: Green - Good.

In 2017/18 this is made up of 3 measures, 2 relate to reablement and a local measure for adults over 75 requesting advice and assistance once in a 6 month period.

All of these are annual measures so won't be reported until 31st March 2018.

#### 2. Ensuring people have the right social services to meet their needs

Overall Assessment this quarter: Amber – Acceptable.

There are 2 measures contained within this Improvement Plan objective. Adult Protection which is currently 95.3% for quarter 1 against a target of 90% therefore demonstrating strong performance.

DTOC is currently 1.19 against a target of 0.87 (low values are good).

There are several factors that have impacted on DTOC and can be attributed to the increase this quarter:

- Ability to respond to the volume of referrals within the hospital team and to have a robust workflow pathway has impacted on Social Work capacity. This has resulted in delays in allocation of cases.
- The fluctuating domiciliary market has meant that over the recent months key provider agencies have closed. The impact therefore is that the existing agencies have had to absorb ongoing cases which reduces their capacity to take on new cases. This has resulted in delays to individuals being discharged with home care more quickly.
- There have been some challenges with getting residential providers to respond to requests to assess individuals for placement quickly which has impacted on DTOC.

There is current a review of the hospital discharge pathway to address some of the workflow issues to release capacity to manage what is Social Services work. We are also working with our commissioning and contracts team to see how we can improve access to domiciliary care. The In Reach project is also supporting a more streamlined approach to manage hospital discharge cases.

#### 3. Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation

Overall Assessment this quarter: Amber - Acceptable.

The red measure at 39% against a target of 50% and a one year ago actual of 51% is the direct impact that the service is in receipt of more complex cases presenting as homeless across the City.

Interestingly, the number of people approaching the authority for housing advice and assistance is significantly reducing, which suggests further that the presentations are becoming more complex and have higher needs and requirements from the service area.

A review of the target will be undertaken at the mid-year point and will take into account the significant impact of Universal Credit which is due to be rolled out in NCC in November 2017.

#### 4. City Regeneration and Development

Overall Assessment this quarter: Green - Good.

Regeneration of the city centre continues despite the absence of a successor Welsh Government programme. NCC has used this hiatus to progress a strategic review of the next phases of

development in the city centre which will be formalised as the new City centre Masterplan in early 2018. With the new Cabinet now in place to govern this key project, progress can now continue. Similarly, efforts to better promote Newport to investors via a more effective web presence and deployment of legacy funding derived from capital receipts generated by Newport Unlimited as part of a new joint-venture programme with the Welsh Government.

The main risks remain around the format and objectives associated with the successor programme to VVP, the 'Targeted Regeneration Investment Framework'. Consideration will now be given as to how this new programme will work and which projects in the city - as identified in the emerging master plan - are best placed to meet the aims and objectives. Finally, the project to refurbish the Market Arcade continues apace, whilst there is inherent risk derived from the constraints and disrepair specific to that site the project team are on programme to submit the stage II HLF bid in January 2018.

#### 5. Supporting young people into education, employment or training

Overall Assessment this quarter: Green – Good.

After a slow end to quarter 4 last year, we have been able to complete a number of planned actions such as procurement of services and the start of the new programmes such as Traineeship and ESF. Programmes are now on track and we are expecting good performance in the remaining quarters.

#### 6. Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children

Overall Assessment this quarter: Green – Good.

All actions for this objective are on track. Performance outcomes are not validated at this stage.

#### 7. Increasing recycling

Overall Assessment this quarter: Green - Good.

The overall judgement for this objective is Green-Good; diversion of waste from Landfill is not high if compared to target but considering that a recycling activity that will significantly reduce waste to landfill is planned for later in the year the results are really good. As for the recycling rate, again even if a waste sorting activity will not start until September this year and results for Q1 are lower than expected due to some material being stocked at our site and only been released after Q1, we are meeting the 58% target and all the planned activities are progressing according to plan.

#### 8. Preventing Offending and Re-offending of young people

Overall Assessment this quarter: Amber - Acceptable.

Some of the issues continue to remain beyond our control.

For First Time Entrants we are doing all we can with the police to review the processes that may allow more eligible young people to receive an RJD as a diversion away from the youth justice system,

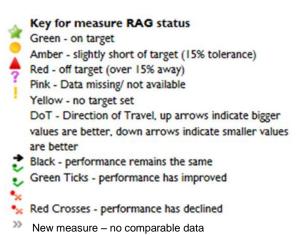
Regarding Education, Training and Employment - we are confident that everything possible is being done to increase the attendance hours of young people, but they are refusing to engage. This is a problem that falls partly outside of YOS control. We continue to employ a robust monitoring process to try and improve this situation.

#### Appendix 2

#### 2 Progress towards Improvement Objectives

In order to provide a more meaningful assessment of the progress of the Improvement Plan and enable more informed judgement to be undertaken, an overall evaluation of progress is made using the following criteria.

Status		Evaluated as	Explanation			
Green			All actions are measures are on track			
Green 🛊 Good		Good	Actions and measures are on mostly on track, one or two falling marginally short of planned targets			
Amber Acceptable		Acceptable	Some actions and measures have deviated from plan and are some are falling short of planned targets			
Red Improvement Required		Improvement Required	Actions and measures are of concern and are mostly falling short of planned targets			



## IPI Improving independent living for older people

Lead Cabinet Member	•	Cabinet Member for Social Services
Lead Officer	٠	Head of Adult and Community Services

## Overall Judgement

Jun 2017									
Actual Performance Comments									
Green - Good		In 2017/18 this is made up of 3 measures, 2 relate to reablement and a local measure for adults over 75 requesting advice and assistance once in a 6 month period.							
	All of these are annual measures so won't be reported until 31st March 2018								

#### Measures

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
026 OT Assessments & % (IP1) (M)	87.5%	85.0%	*	86.6%	*	?	!	

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	▲ Target (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)
ACS/20b reablement no package of care and support (A) (SSPM, IP1)	40.0%	77.8%	?
ACS/23b Adults who have received advice and assistance no repeat contact (aged over 75) (SSPM, IP1)	50.0%	40.3%	?
ACS/20a reablement reduced package of care and support (A) (SSPM, IP1)	65.0%	40.0%	?

Amber – Deviation from Plan

Red – Action is of concern

		Jun 2017	
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned
☑ IP I.I To deliver an integrated assessment process for older people		Adult services have achieved an 85% compliance rate for people now in receipt of the new Care & Support Plan as required by the Social Services & Well Being Act.	Newport is working regionally and with the Welsh Government to establish the outcome reporting framework.
☑ IP I.2 To roll out the integrated pathway for older people		1,285 people contacted by the project 361 out of 725 postcodes completed (49%) 896 Stay Well Plans in place (Q1 174 new plans created) 11 GP practices participating out of 20 Initial evaluation carried out in the pilot practice showed that in the pilot cohort  GP appointments were reduced GP home visits were reduced Nurse led GP appointments were reduced A&E attendences reduced by 18% Social Services assessments reduced Additional Welfare Benefits achieved for 243 patients	In depth analysis of Interventions impact over time with the risk stratification cohort has begun and initial report provided  Continuation of roll out to remaining GP surgeries  Digital stories to support the publication of qualitative data are being filmed - 5 patients have given their consent.  Care Facilitators are collating follow up Wellbeing scores which will be built into the evaluation plan
IP 1.3 Restructure the operational adult social services teams on the NCN footprints.		Restructure of the NCN Teams is complete. NCN Team Manager North recruited by external appointment	Continue to monitor capacity and demand. Work flow processes in place and implementation of new Welsh Community Care Information System will develop data capture ability.

IP2	Ensuring	g people	have	the	right	social	services	to
mee	et their n	reeds						

Lead Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Social Services
Lead Officer	<ul> <li>Head of Adult and Community Services</li> </ul>

## Overall Judgement

	Jun 2017								
Actual	Performance	Comments							
Amber - Acceptable	•	There are 2 measures contained within IP2							
		Adult Protection which is currently 95.3% for quarter 1 against a target of 90% therefore demonstrating strong performance.							
		DTOC is currently 1.19 against a target of 0.87 (low values are good)							
		There are several factors that have impacted on DTOC and can be attributed to the increase this quarter: ability to respond to the volume of referrals within the hospital team and to have a robust workflow pathway has impacted on Social Work capacity. This has resulted in delays in allocation of cases. The fluctuating domiciliary market has meant that over the recent months key provider agencies have closed. The impact therefore is that the existing agencies have had to absorb ongoing cases which reduces their capacity to take on new cases. This has resulted in delays to individuals being discharged with home care more quickly. There have been some challenges with getting residential providers to respond to requests to assess individuals for placement quickly which has impacted on DTOC.							
		There is current a review of the hospital discharge pathway to address some of the workflow issues to release capacity to manage what is Social Services work. We are also working with our commissioning and contracts team to see how we can improve access to domiciliary care. The In Reach project is also supporting a more streamlined approach to manage hospital discharge cases.							

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
ACS/18 The percentage of adult protection enquiries completed within 7 days (SSPM, IP2) (M)	98.5%	90.0%	*	98.8%	**	?	!	
ACS/19 PAM/025 Delayed Transfers of Care (SSPM, PAM, IP2, SP) # (M)	1.19	0.87	•	0.94	<b>*</b> x	14.61	ŵ	There are several factors that have impacted on DTOC and can be attributed to the increase this quarter:  ability to respond to the volume of referrals within the hospital team and to have a robust workflow pathway has impacted on Social Work capacity. This has resulted in delays in allocation of cases.  The fluctuating domiciliary market has meant that over the recent months key provider agencies have closed. The impact therefore is that the existing agencies have had to absorb ongoing cases which reduces their capacity to take on new cases. This has resulted in delays to individuals being discharged with home care more quickly.  There have been some challenges with getting residential providers to respond to requests to assess individuals for placement quickly which has impacted on DTOC.  There is currently a review of the hospital discharge pathway to address some of the workflow issues to release capacity to manage what is Social Services work. We are also working with our commissioning and contracts team to see how we can improve access to domiciliary care. The In Reach project is also supporting a more streamlined approach to manage hospital discharge cases.
ACS/L/24 Number of assessments of need for support for carers (IP2) (Q)	37.00	22.50	*	37.00	-	n/a	#	
CCAS/L/027 Number of integrated assessments completed per month (IP2) (M)	293	150	ŵ	401	*x	?	!	

Key for Actions

🛊 Green – on track

Amber - Deviation from Plan

A Red - Action is of concern

		Jun 2017	
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned
☑ IP 2.1 Establish the pathway for adult social services across health and social care	ŵ	WCCIS implementation work is underway, business processes are mapped and appropriate forms are being developed in conjunction with adults and childrens practitioners.  The project team are in regular communication with the supplier of the system and with the ENWIS (Health) National team and are involved in regional meetings t establish commonalities.  Project risks are being identified and managed and resources allocated accordingly.  Trainers have been identified and are being upskilled.	A new go live date will be confirmed  Training schedule will be completed  Communication strategy agreed  A practitioner from both adults and childrens operational teams will be seconded to the project full time to facilitate implementation.  Super users identified to support go live
✓ IP 2.2 Restructure the operational adult social services teams.	sir.	NCN structure in place and operational.  Recruitment for the Team Manager NCN North successfully completed	Workflow processes in place - new WCCIS system is requiring review of business processes and configuration of critical referral pathways. This work is ongoing as part of the implementation project work and practitioners are fully engaged.  Data cleanse is underway to ensure information transferred to the new system is current and correct. Work ongoing and monitored by WCCIS Project Team.
✓ IP 2.3 Develop and implement the integrated assessment tools	ŵ	Act compliant documentation is in place for adult services and 88% of cases are in receipt of the new Care & Support Plan (CASP)	Continuing to monitor the quality or recording and assessment documentation, weekly process in place to oversee the allocation of resources and monitor the consistency of care packages. Attended by Team Managers and Service Managers on a rota basis (ECO - equality, consistency and outcomes) where documents are quality assured.  NCC is engaged Regionally and with Welsh Government to establish and agree a meaningful National Performance Management and reporting framework.

✓ IP 2.4 Review and recommission services as necessary	**	The Third Sector Consortium (Newport Support Partnership) is fully operational. The first annual report and evaluation will be produced in October 2017  2,000 hours of domiciliary care hours recommissioned as block contracts. An additional 400 hours became available as Reach home care left the market. A new provider entered the Newport market and was awarded the hours following a successful bid  Fee negotiations for 2017/18 were concluded with reference to the new National Living Wage limits. This ensures stability within the city's social care workforce.  Re-commissioning process commenced for the Newport day service for people with learning disabilities currently based in the YMCA. This presents an opportunity for further development of the current model with a sharper focus on independent living skills.  Work commenced on the production of an adults commissioning strategy, a carers strategy and an independent Living Strategy for people with Learning Disabilities. Distribution planned for the Autumn	Award of the Independent Living & Day Service Contract scheduled. Identifying new providers who can offer a wider range of one to one support in the community and a new day service for people with learning disabilities.  Commencement of the managed banking service for people using direct payments. This will offer people full support to oversee their payroll and tax liabilities around the employment of carers and improve financial audit oversight for NCC.  Continuing to engage with Regional work streams around domiciliary care, residential care and pooled budgets.
☑ IP 2.5 Review and develop our systems and processes	я́г	WCCIS implementation has made significant progress in terms of the development of business processes, data cleanse and system build. The project timescales have changed in response to issues both internal and external but the project plan continues to be managed and appropriate oversight applied.  Additional resource to support implementation secured	
IP 2.6 Undertake a Questionnaire of people who have a care and support plan	ŵ		A survey will be undertaken for 2017/18. The process will commence in September and will take 6 months to complete.

## IP3 Ensuring people have access to suitable accommodation

Lead Cabinet Member	•	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing
Lead Officer	•	Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing

## Overall Judgement

	Jun 2017							
Actual	Performance	Comments						
Amber - Acceptable	•	The red measure at 39% against a target of 50% and a one year ago actual of 51% is the direct impact that the service is in receipt of more complex cases presenting as homeless across the City.						
		Interestingly, the number of people approaching the authority for housing advice and assistance is significantly reducing, which suggests further that the presentations are becoming more complex and have higher needs and requirements from the service area.						
		A review of the target will be undertaken at the mid-year point and will take into account the significant impact of Universal Credit which is due to be rolled out in NCC in November 2017.						

#### Measures

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)		DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
PAM/012 (RIH/L/044) The percentage of households for whom homelessness was prevented (Q) (PAM, IP3)	39%	50%	<b>A</b>	51%	*×	?	!	The dip in performance during quarter 1 mainly reflects the increasing complexity of homelessness presentations, requiring a wide range of interventions, and the difficulties involved in securing accommodation in the private rented sector.
RIH/L/043 No. people approaching authority for housing advice and assistance (Q) (IP3b)	491	600	ŵ	616	v	?	ţ	

	Target (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)
PLA/006 (N) Planning affordable housing units #	75	183	?
PAM/014 Number of new homes created as a result of bringing empty properties back into use (HY) (PAM	32		n/a
PAM/015a (PSR/002) Adapt'ns DFG days delivery avg. (HY) (PAM, IP3, SP)	269	186	241
PAM/015b (PSR/006) Ave days non- DFG minor adapt'ns (HY) (IP3)	19	21	?

#### Actions

Key for Actions

Green - on track

Amber - Deviation from Plan
 Red - Action is of concern

		Jun 2017	
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned
IP 3.1 To secure additional units of  affordable housing and bring empty private homes back into use	•	The housing service continues to co-ordinate efforts to bring empty homes back into use, either through voluntary collaboration or through the use of enforcement powers, where appropriate. However, resources for either statutory or voluntary intervention are very limited.	75 affordable homes are due to be completed during this financial year.
IP 3.2 To minimise the waiting times for major and minor adaptations	ŵ	This Q1 update confirms that the significant improvement that has been achieved over recent years in waiting times for adaptations has been sustained	The Private Sector Housing team is currently reviewing tendering arrangements and will be introducing an 'e-tendering' process to realise potential for further delivery time improvements.
☑ IP 3.3 To prevent people becoming homeless whenever we can	•	Homelessness presentations remain high, though lower than previous years. Critical, however, is the complexity of cases, which require a wide range of interventions, and impact upon the sustainment of accommodation or move onto alternative accommodation. This requires a joined up approach; whilst services are being developed and established, these are increasingly stretched. The complexity of cases, the continued roll out of welfare reform and the issues officers face in securing private rented accommodation, have resulted in a decline in performance around homelessness prevention alongside an increase in demand for housing.	Funding has been made available during the current financial year which will be utilised to provide further services aimed at the prevention of homelessness. Further additional resources are being made available by Welsh Government specifically around the alleviation of rough sleeping, addressing the needs of young people and developing links with the private rented sector. Work is due to commence on the review of homelessness, initially driven by a Gwent wide group with a local focus then upon each area. This will lead to the development of a Gwent wide homelessness strategy and then a separate action plan/strategy for tackling homelessness in Newport.

## IP4 City Regeneration and Development

Lead Cabinet Member	٠	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing
Lead Officer	•	Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing

### Overall Judgement

	Jun 2017					
Actual	Performance	Comments				
Green - Good		Regeneration of the city centre continues despite the absence of a successor Welsh Government programme. NCC has used this hiatus to progress a strategic review of the next phases of development in the city centre which will be formalised as the new City centre Masterplan in early 2018. With the new Cabinet now in place to govern this key project, progress can now continue. Similarly, efforts to better promote Newport to investors via a more effective web presence and deployment of legacy funding derived from capital receipts generated by Newport Unlimited as part of a new joint-venture programme with the Welsh Government. The main risks remain around the format and objectives associated with the successor programme to VVP, the 'Targeted Regeneration Investment Framework'. Consideration will now be given as to how this new programme will work and which projects in the city - as identified in the emerging master plan - are best placed to meet the aims and objectives. Finally, the project to refurbish the Market Arcade continues apace, whilst there is inherent risk derived from the constraints and disrepair specific to that site the project team are on programme to submit the stage II HLF bid in January 2018.				

#### Measures

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
RIH/L/053 Value of business support grants awarded (Q) (IP4)	£8,956	£10,3	•		>>	n/a	#	
RIH/L/054 Number of businesses supported (Q) (IP4)	144	119	*		>>	n/a	#	

	Target (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)
RIH/L/052 Number of jobs created (A) (IP4)	76,603		n/a
RIH/L/056 Housing delivery (all tenures) (A) (IP4)	1,029		n/a
RIH/L/057 Reduction in number of vacant commercial properties in the City Centre (A) (IP4)	145		n/a
RIH/L/055 Number of new business start-ups (HY) (IP4)	25		n/a

#### Actions

Key for Actions

🛊 Green – on track

Amber - Deviation from Plan

A Red - Action is of concern

		Jun 2017			
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned		
✓ IP 4.1 Secure funding for VVP2	•	Consultation document on 'Targeted Regeneration Investment Framework' received by NCC August 2017.	NCC to respond to consultation either as LA or as part of joint response via WLGA.		
✓ IP 4.2 Creation and adoption of the City Centre Master Plan	ŵ	Project re-started August 2017 following briefing to new Cabinet Members.	Consultation on draft plan September - October 2017, wider consultation launch at City Summit and adoption by Feb 2018.		
IP 4.3 Agree a protocol with Welsh Government for Joint Venture funding	ŵ	Protocol agreed with Welsh Government.	First project allocations in development.		
✓ IP 4.4 Secure stage 2 funding to deliver market arcade regeneration	•	Consultants appointed to develop designs and cost plans. Structural investigations underway.	Completion of draft design by September 2017.		
☑ IP 4.5 Develop and invest in Newport website	*	Proposals submitted to SRS for development.	Website to be implemented Spring 2018.		
☑ IP 4.6 Complete a skills audit of the local economy	•	The procurement process has taken place, an organisation called Wavehill will be completing the skills audit. It has taken longer than initially expected.	Wavehill will be completing the skills audit in the next couple of months. $ \\$		

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## IP5 Supporting young people into education, employment or training

· Cabinet Member for Education and Skills Lead Cabinet Member · Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing Lead Officer

## Overall Judgement

Jun 2017					
Actual	Performance	Comments			
Green - Good		After a slow end to quarter 4 last year, we have been able to complete a number of planned actions such as procurement of services and the start of the new programmes such as Traineeship and ESF. Programmes are now on track and we are expecting good performance in the remaining quarters.			

#### Measures

Key for Measures

Green - on target
Amber - slightly short of target

A Red - off target

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)		DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
NEET\01 Number of young people accessing children and YP skills project (IP5) (Q)	252	250	ŵ	84	v	7	!	Due to the introduction of the NEW ESF projects "Inspire" our performance spike this year is expected to be between September and March, performance is expecting to catch up and exceed target.
RIH/L/045 Number of 16-17 year old entrants into Work Based Learning Academy (Q) (IP5)	18	17	*	41	**	7	•	<ul> <li>Due to the complexities of agreeing our new SLA with training providers and the time it has taken for WEFO to approve our Inspire 2 Work programme we have had a slow start to the year, however now programmes have been approved we will catch up performance over the quarters.</li> </ul>
RIH/L/046 Number of 18-24 year old entrants into Work Based Learning Academy (Q) (IP5)	114	90	ŵ	102	•	7	į.	
RIH/L/049 Number of 16-17 year olds progressing from WBLA to further opportunity (Q) (IP5)	9	8	*	21	**	?	•	<ul> <li>Due to the complexities of agreeing our new SLA with training providers and the time it has taken for WEFO to approve our Inspire 2 Work programme we have had a slow start to the year, however now programmes have been approved we will catch up performance over the quarters.</li> </ul>
RIH/L/050 Number of 18-24 year olds progressing from WBLA to further opportunity (Q) (IP5)	81	. 35	¥	27	٠	7	!	

	Target (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)
EDU/L/067 (RIH/L/048) % young people recorded as unknown following compulsory education (A) (IP5)	0.50	0.07	?
NEET\09 % 16 - 18 yr olds not in education, employ or training (IP5) (A)	6.0%	4.2%	?
NEET\11 % Young people NEET Year 13 (IP5) (A)	3.0%	2.4%	?
PAM/009 Young people % NEET Year 11 (PAM, IP5) (A)	1.9%	1.7%	?

		Jun 2017				
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned			
✓ IP 5.01 YEPF Co-ordinator providing support	*	The YEPF Coordinator continued to chair allocation meetings with Secondary schools and the Pupil Referral Unit using the El toolkit for Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils.  Potential NEET meetings begun with each Secondary school regarding both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 pupils.  Additional work was carried out with the Youth Offending Education Coordinator and the Looked after Children Education coordinator to ensure the engagement of young people.  The 16-18 practitioner group met every 6 weeks whereby all young people are allocated a Lead Worker chaired by the YEPF Coordinator.  The NEET review was completed.  Additional resource was provided through the Learning Provider Network to locate those young people who are 'unknown'.	Potential NEET meetings to be completed by July with all Secondary schools regarding Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 pupils. Additional groups to be worked with through the EI with the Pupil Referral Unit and the Youth Offending Service. Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 leaver's allocation meetings start with the Youth Service for young people flagged as red referred from Careers. These will continue until October. The 16 to 18 Practitioner group will continue to be held every 6 weeks whereby all young people are allocated a Lead Worker chaired by the YEPF Coordinator. The Learning Provider Network will continue to provide resource to locate young people known as unknown through the 5 tier model. Through the YEPF Coordinato a Learning Coach Forum will be established			
IP 5.02 Deliver the Families First Children and Young People's Skills Project	*	In partnership with the inspire ESF projects the team has procured jointly counselling support from Coleg Gwent. This will be available throughout qtr 2. The team worked with over 150 young people in the quarter to engage them into further learning etc. The numbers will now increase due to the start of the academic year in qtr 2.	Identify further referrals through FF and schools activity. Aiming to roll out the counselling service throughout the projects in Newport.			
✓ IP 5.03 Deliver the Inspire to Achieve and Inspire to Work ESF projects	*	The mental health and counselling service has been procured and awarded to Coleg Gwent, delivery of this service will be available in qtr 2.	Inspire 2 achieve will work with education teams to identify young people at risk within the schools, the teams will design curriculums of work for young people top reengage.  Inspire 2 work team will work with the education teams to identify those school leavers who have not returned to their destinations or have not engaged in employment. The team will engage with identified people.			
✓ IP 5.04 Communities First NEET engagement project	ŵ	The new programme has been agreed by the funder and local stakeholders. The recruitment for the first programme has began and we have recruited 12 young people to the programme.	To recruit further young people to the programme, deliver activities and progressions to further learning etc by the end of qtr 2. This will align with the requirement to support education services and careers wales with identifying NEET young people.			

☑ IP 5.05 Deliver Communities 4 Work programme	ŵ	Confirmed new profiles with WG, Worked with current case loads to support residents to improve skills and prepare for employment.	Identified a number of issues relating to customers benefits and the universal credit programme, providing a number of solutions for customers in partnership with Work and Skills and JCP.
☑ IP 5.06 Direct work with Careers Wales	¥	Direct work is carried out with Careers Wales to ensure data and tracking systems are in place and working effectively to track all young people on transition. This has meant offering 16 - 17 year old people learning opportunities to enable them to re - engage into education and training opportunities. YEPF Officer in place for data analysis. Data analysis is carried out and reported on for all young people in the 5 tier model.	This work will continue and funding is in place for the YEPF Officer.
	ŵ	This is maintained through the Pre 16 NEET group, the 16-18 practitioner group and the Learning Provider Network.	This will be continued through the Pre 16 NEET group, the 16-18 practitioner group and the Learning Provider Network.
☑ IP 5.07 Working with providers of education		Work is also monitored through the Deputy Curriculum group.	Continued work with Coleg Gwent and Schools to ensure appropriate progression routes and referrals onto other providers when necessary.  Learning Providers set up Summer programmes aimed at school leavers to
			ensure their successful transition.
✓ IP 5.08 Develop and deliver specific employability programmes	*	Worked with the Celtic Manor to deliver a Jobs Fair, the event had over 250 applicants to the fair applying for a number of Celtic Manor positions, over 60 people successfully achieved employment	Planned the Newport Friars Walk jobs fair for qtr 2, which is hoping to attract over 4000 visitors applying for over 400 jobs. Continue to work with the M4 relief rd and local developers such as SISK to identify further opportunities.
☑ IP 5.09 Map provision for young people	ŵ	The YEPF Coordinator has continued to work with Barnardo's around the Youth Support Sufficiency Audit. Additional focus groups with professionals and young people were arranged.	The work will continue and be completed by July. This will then result in a Youth 2017 event being held in September for a number of stakeholders to look and review the recommendations.
IP 5.10 Meet regularly with Careers ✓ Wales, Schools, Work Based Learning Providers and Coleg Gwent	*	6 weekly meetings are carried out with the following groups:  16-18 practitioner group Learning Provider Network Tier I allocation meeting Curriculum Deputies  Additional meetings have been carried out with all Secondary Schools, Careers Wales, Youth Offending Service, Youth Service and Social Services regarding the young people not in education, employment and training.  The Pre 16 NEET group meets once a term with Senior Management in attendance from all Schools These meetings ensure that young people at risk of becoming NEET in providers are identified early and support can be put in place.	Continuation of these meetings.  Additional meetings will take place this quarter due to the destination survey of Year 11, 12 and 13 leavers. These additional meetings concentrate solely on these leavers and include Secondary Schools, Youth Service, Careers Wales, Coleg Gwent, Training Providers, Youth Offending Service and Social Services.
■ IP 5.11 Ensure there is a focus on the	ŵ	The YEPF Coordinator and the Accountable Officer have continued to feedback back to the Youth Support Services Board and the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.	Feedback to both the Youth Support Services Board members and Cabinet Members will continue.
statutory responsibilities		The Sufficiency Audit from Barnardo's should provide focus.	Recommendations from the NEET review and the Youth Support Services Audit will be considered.
		The restructure of the Youth Services Board is still being discussed.	The Youth Support Services Board will be restructured.

# IP6 Ensuring the best educational outcomes for children

Lead Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Education and Skill	s
Lead Officer	Chief Education Officer	

# Overall Judgement

Jun 2017								
Actual	Actual Performance Comments							
Green - Good All actions for this objective are on track. Performance outcomes are not validated at this stage.								

# Annual Measures

	Target (YTD)	Actual 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)
EDU/010b) (N) Pupils fixed excl'ns secondary days #	1,527	1,607	?
EDU/L/061 Percentage of FSM pupils achieving Level 2 Inclusive (A) (IP6)	36.50	36.33	?
EDU/L/062 Pupils achieving Level 2 Maths (A) (IP6)	66.60	63.73	?
EDU/L/063 Pupils achieving Level 2 English (A) (IP6)	68.35	68.49	?
PAM/005 (EDU/004) % pupils achieving the expected CSI outcome at the end of KS3 (PAM, IP6) (A)	84.4%	83.4%	84.1%
PAM/006 (EDU/017) Pupils achieving level 2 threshold inc English & Maths % (PAM, IP6) (A)	60.0%	58.4%	58.3%
PAM/007 (EDU/016a) Attendance Primary Year-end % (PAM, IP6) (A)	94.6%	94.5%	95.0%
PAM/008 (EDU/016b) Attendance Secondary Year-end % (PAM, IP6) (A)	93.4%	93.3%	93.9%

A Red - Action is of concern

		Jun 2017	
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned
IP 6.1 Improve the number of pupils  achieving the expected level in the Key Stage 3 Core Subject Ind	ŵ.	Secondary Education Improvement Boards continued to track the progress of 7/9 secondary schools. All secondary schools reported on their 'progress towards targets'. The necessary additional support was commissioned for those schools in need. All secondary schools attended cluster moderation meetings to verify pupil profiles relating to Teacher Assessment. Moderation reports have been issued to each cluster with areas of recommendation to be addressed. The EAS Business Plan was agreed by Newport Cabinet. The plan provided a planned approach to improving literacy, numeracy and reducing the impact of poverty and deprivation across the city.	The LA will consider validated Key Stage 3 outcomes across the local authority The LA will work with the EAS and each secondary schools to consider and analyse (unverified) Key Stage 4 data on between August 25th - September 30th 2017). The LA and EAS will consider impact reports and next steps linked to actions set out within the EAS Business Plan.
☑ IP 6.2 Improve Primary & Secondary Attendance	×	A planned truancy sweep in partnership with Gwent Police did not take place due to unavailability of Police Officers to support the initiative.  A termly attendance forum was held including presentations from Newport Secondary Schools to share good practice.  The Protocol for Schools with Lower than Expected Rates of Attendance was enacted through Step I meetings, follow up to Step I meetings and Education Improvement Board meetings.  A South East Wales Consortium (SEWC) regional attendance strategy was presented to SEWC Directors for consideration.  A SEWC attendance data sharing protocol was established to support regional identification of schools with high rates of attendance in order to share best practice	Education Services will work with Gwent Police to book in truancy sweeps during the academic year 2017/18. Suggested individual school attendance targets for the academic year 2017/18 will be developed and shared with schools. Welfare visits for children and young people who are Elective Home Educated will be completed. Results of the annual 'School Attendance Survey' will be analysed and used to inform training and support offered during the academic year 2017/18.
✓ IP 6.3 Reduce pupil exclusions	*	All but one primary cluster meeting has taken place to discuss managed moves.  Primary Schools with increased exclusions have received visits from AHoE Inclusion and CIA Behaviour. In addition a joint meeting to one primary school from both AHoE Inclusion and AHoE Engagement took place to discuss serious concerns over exclusions and attendance.  The exclusion data profile has been created in alignment with Welsh Government recording. Regional Exclusion data is also now available.  Exclusion monitoring at the PRU has been conducted as part of the review and additional measures put in place to combat the increase.  The review of the PRU has concluded and a new way of working will be in place from September	Remaining cluster meeting to take place plus a full meeting with NAPHS to adopt the Managed Move protocol. Half termly internal meetings will take place to review exclusions and attendance to QA what actions officers are taking to address the issue. Information to be fed to EAS and Every Child Group. Regional Exclusion protocol to be finalised and Step 1 /Step 2 process will be adopted by Newport in line with the current attendance protocol to address schools with unacceptable levels of exclusion. The PRU exclusions to be monitored monthly by CIA Behaviour and Challenge Adviser. The Principal Educational Psychologist will be overseeing the new way of working within the PRU and half termly meetings of the Inclusion Team will monitor progress A review of the Learning Development Centre based at St. Julian's Comprehensive will commence during the latter part of the autumn term to ensure that provision is meeting the current need.

Lead Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Streetscene	
Lead Officer	Head of Streetscene and City Services	

# Overall Judgement

Jun 2017							
Actual Performance Comments							
Green - Good	*	The overall judgement for this objective is Green-Good; diversion of waste from Landfill is not high if compared to target but considering that a recycling activity that will significantly reduce waste to landfill is planned for later in the year the results are really good. As for the recycling rate, again even if a waste sorting activity will not start until September this year and results for Q1 are lower than expected due to some material being stocked at our site and only been released after Q1, we are meeting the 58% target and all the planned activities are progressing according to plan.					

# Measures

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)		DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Perf. v Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
PAM/030 (WMT/010 WMT/009b) Municipal waste reused, recycled and composted (PAM, IP7) (Q)	58.51%	58.00%	*	59.97%	**	63.81%	•	
PAM/031 (WMT/004b) Percentage of municipal wastes sent to landfill (PAM, IP7) (Q)	10.90%	10.00%	•	11.68%	*	9.50%	•	<ul> <li>This KPI is currently showing as amber only because an additional recycling activity that will divert waste from landfill was not planned to start until mid- August or beginning of September; as a result, figures for Q1 are higher than the annual target but results for the following quarters will bring the figures down, with an overall result on the green by year end</li> </ul>
STR/L/018 % of municipal waste recycled at the HWRC (IP7) (Q)	56.96%	65.00%	•	61.68%	**	?	· i	<ul> <li>This KPI shows as amber, however progress has been made over the last few months and as a result performance is improving when compared to figures for Q3 and Q4 16/17; this will still remain a priority area as high amounts of refuse household waste received at the site keep bringing the recycling rate down</li> </ul>

Amber - Deviation from Plan
Red - Action is of concern

	Jun 2017									
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned							
☑ IP 7.I To improve the recycling services	*	I. Improved recycling collections Once the cardboard roll out has been completed, we have entered the monitoring phase so planned activities centre on keeping the monthly contract management meetings and monitoring of tonnage and operational indicators to see if the increase in recycling turns into a reality. So far during QI we have seen an increase in recycling tonnage of 5.45% compared to the same quarter last year, in line with the provisional result obtained for 16/17. Number of missed collections and residents' complaints are also being monitored on a monthly basis and compared with the targets included in the contract; so far all are below the tolerance limit and incidents/complaints are being solved and closed down within the established periods. 2. Flats During QI we started collating data by putting a plan together to weigh individual bins-the newly acquired flats collections vehicle has a weight system that will allow for this so we can get much more accurate data. This exercise will carry out until we get data for all the flats areas across the City. 3. HWRC A new cardboard compactor has finally been installed at our HWRC works to get the webcam installed have also been progressed.	1. Improved recycling collections We will continue to monitor the kerbside recycling collections. Also, due to the high number of new properties during Q2 we will start a re-routing exercise that will aim to make a more efficient use of our resources to enable the current vehicles and members of staff to cope with this increase in demand. 2. Flats From Q2 onwards focus will be on the City centre area, and plans include a review of the current collection system for flats in that area and option analysis to provide recycling collections for the city centre. We will also continue gathering data about tonnage of waste being collected from areas of flats 3. Waste Strategy The Council is also currently working on preparing and implementing a new Waste Strategy that will pave the way to meet the different recycling targets from now to 2025. To this end once all the different Scrutiny committees have been constituted after the local elections, during Q2 a proposal to create a Policy review Group that can examine the proposal and prepare a report with recommendations and conclusions to Scrutiny will be put forward. Work by the Policy Review Group is planned to start by the end of Q2.							
✓ IP 7.2 To divert all household and trade refuse waste collected by the council	*	During QI diversion of residual municipal waste to the incineration plant continued as planned, at a rate of about 2,300 tonnes/month. We have also planned a sorting activity for part of the municipal residual waste, so during QI we have been working on the tendering process that needs to be in place so we can deliver the activity	Diversion to EfVV will continue as planned. Also, the tender for sorting part of the municipal residual waste will be published and we will follow all the steps until the contract can be awarded; the activity is expected to start by the beginning of September 2017							

# Overall Judgement

Jun 2017							
Actual	Performance	Comments					
Amber - Acceptable	•	Some of the issues continue to remain beyond our control.					
		For First Time Entrants we are doing all we can with the police to review the processes that may allow more eligible young people to receive an Restorative Justice Disposal (RJD) as a diversion away from the youth justice system					
		Regarding Education, Training and Employment - we are confident that everything possible is being done to increase the attendance hours of young people, but they are refusing to engage. This is a problem that falls partly outside of the Youth Offending Service control. We continue to employ a robust monitoring process to try and improve this situation.					

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# Measures

	Actual (YTD)	Target (YTD)	Performance (YTD)	year ago (YTD)	DoT 1 year ago (YTD)	Average (YTD)	Wales Average (YTD)	Period Performance
YJ/L/13 Number of first time entrants into youth justice system (M) (IP8)	31	20	<b>A</b>	8	*x	?	İ	We saw a significant increase - by 72% when comparing to Q4 2016/17 and 56% when comparing to Q1 2016/17 - of First Time Entrants in Q1 2016/17 to a total of 31 young people. The increase emphasizes the seriousness of offending being committed by young people in Newport at the moment, with Drugs offences (primarily those in Possession of Class A Substances with intent to supply) fraud and violent offences being the most common offences. In addition one young person came through to the Youth Justice System after committing Robbery.  Only 15 of the 31 First Time Entrants, previously received an RJD (Restorative Justice Disposal) and undertook intervention work from the Social Services Prevention Team. Despite this a further 7 young people had another form of preventative activity and an eighth young person was referred to the Education Safeguarding Team within Newport City Council's Education Department.
YJ/L/14 Number of young people sentenced to custody (M) (IP8)	2	6	*	1	<b>*</b> x	?	!	
YJ/L/18 Out of court disposals % (Q) (IP8h)	13%	30%	*	25%	*	?	1	
YJ/L/19 % young people who reoffend in 12 months (Q) (IP8i)	53.3%	30.0%	<b>A</b>	44.1%	*x	?	!	Despite performance being worse year to date we must re-iterate that the number of young in the re-offending cohorts in this area continues to be small and for Q1, there is no change in the number of young people in this cohort. Small numbers of young people continued to receive court orders in Q1 2016/17 as young people continued to be diverted via an Out of Court Disposal route. Those being left within the court system are highly complex cases and are more likely to re-offend.

O Amber - Deviation from Plan

A Red - Action is of concern

	Jun 2017									
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned							
☑ IP 8.1 Reduction in first time entrants	•	We are asking YJB for support in dealing with very serious offences. We are reviewing the Bureau Process in line with the rest of Wales. It would appear Gwent has a lower threshold to become FTE than anywhere else in Wales. Meetings with the police to review the bureau guidance.  Robust monitoring of FTE, which we continue to do and use of audits to identify what works and what lessons to be learnt.	Adapt the lateral checks process to capture those escalating to a FTE Status and identify whether or not they should have been diverted. This will take place in December.							
✓ IP 8.2 Reduction in the use of youth custody	ŵ	This is challenging as long as police operations are continuing to identify very serious offenders. Continue to offer viable alternatives wherever possible.	We have requested the YJB to review practice in this area.							

IP 8.3 Access to Education, Training and Employment

Of the 9 young people of school age, 2 had a Statement of Special Educational Needs, and one of whom was in a specialist education placement for children with complex needs. Unfortunately he was not attending education or engaging with his order and he was resentenced and given an education requirement for 6 months.

I had been identified as having Speech and Language difficulties and was undergoing a series of assessments by the YOS Speech and Language Therapist. He had persistently breached his order prior to him being resentenced in April, however following the identification of his difficulties in understanding complex language, and staff having a better awareness of how to work effectively with him, he has since engaged with his order and has been working with the YOS ETE officer on CV writing, job applications and has undertaken some voluntary work organised through the YOS.

Of the 3 children who remained at 0 hours throughout the duration of the order, all had been breached for non-engagement with their orders and there was little or no parental engagement. Care proceedings are being initiated in one of these cases. All remain with the YOS with one in custody.

2 of the 9 were children in residential care, and both of these saw an increase in their engagement levels over the duration of the order. One of these young people went from 0 hours at the beginning of the order to 25 hours at the end and this was achieved through moving her away from the residential unit and enrolling her in a new mainstream school. Again the other young person saw an increase from 0 to 12 hours engagement by a move to an alternative education placement in a neighbouring authority which was sought by the YOS ETE Officer. Despite a high risk assessment including arson offences, the YOS information sharing and communication process with the Learning Provider Network (originally developed for the post-16 YOS young people to manage high risk cases) was instrumental in securing the placement and providing reassurance for the training provider. The additional costs of the placement were funded by the Bridge Achievement Centre.

4 of the 9 were Year 11 students, and only 1 was in 25 hours of Education at the end of the order. 3 of the 4 young people were on roll at the Bridge Achievement Centre (Pupil Referral Unit) and despite being offered expensive vocational provision including college, were not able to maintain the placement or not motivated to attend. 3 of the 4 young people are currently NEET with one in custody.

Those in alternative education provision including the PRU, community tuition, and specialist education providers on the whole were engaging less than their counterparts. Managing these young people with complex needs is more difficult and expensive, and attendance has certainly been an issue raised of those on roll at the PRU especially the Year 11 students. There has been a review of all social, emotional and behavioural education provision within the local authority over the last 6 months and proposals have been drawn up to change provision and the YOS has been central to these discussions. The new ASPIRE programme is starting in September run in partnership with PRU teaching staff and youth service which will work with the KS4 children on roll at the PRU and will provide an off-site full-time base targeting the Year 11 students. The ASPIRE programme has run in a number of mainstream Newport schools for a number of years and has been successful in engaging young people and providing them with recognised qualifications when they leave school.

	Jun 2017									
	Performance	IP Progress Update	IP Activity Planned							
☑ IP 8.4 Access to timely mental health assessment and treatment	*	Continue with current training	Continue with current practice							
☑ IP 8.5 access to timely assessment and treatment in relation to substance misuse.	*	Embedding the new substance misuse worker into YOS and developing practice to support local needs	Continue as outlined							
☑ IP 8.6 Access to appropriate/suitable accommodation	ŵ	First meeting took place in May between a working group to establish alternative remand provision.	Second meeting taking with place with multi agency group in september to scope the development of alternative remand accommodation							

# Agenda Item 6

# Report



# Cabinet

Part 1

Date: 18 October 2017

**Subject** Performance Analysis: Year End Summary 2016/17

**Purpose** To inform the Cabinet of the year end performance of the Council for 2016/17.

**Author** Head of People and Business Change

Ward All

**Summary** 

- Each year data for Public Accountability Measures (PAMs) is submitted to the Data Unit Wales for comparison to other Welsh Authorities. The Data Unit then produce a bulletin that summarises performance across Wales.
- It is important to note that these comparator figures do not take into consideration the
  potential impacts of financial position, population demographics or service demands.
  Newport Council has historically low levels of spending.
- The performance gap has continued to close between the lowest and highest performing councils.
- For 2016/17 Newport has improved in 52% of the national measures.
- Newport had the least measures in quartile 1; the council aims to improve this position.

**Proposal** To consider the contents of the report

**Action by** Strategic Directors, Heads of Service

Timetable Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Executive
- Strategic Directors
- Heads of Service

# **Signed**

# **Background**

Each year data is submitted to the Data Unit Wales for comparison to other Welsh Authorities. The data set submitted is known as 'Public Accountability Measures' or PAMs and they enable local authorities to give account of their performance to the public, including comparing their performance with that of other authorities. The PAMs also enable the public to hold the authority to account over issues that matter most to them.

The data for each Local Authority is published in the media and on the Data Unit's website so that it is accessible to the public.

The analysis detailed below gives the performance for 2016/17 this includes comparisons of Newport City Council against the other Welsh Local Authorities.

It is important to note that these comparator figures do not take into consideration the potential impacts of financial position, population demographics or service demands. Newport Council has historically low levels of spending.

The published comparative data ranks local authorities against each other but does not include any qualitative standard of performance.

Whilst it is acknowledged that improvement is needed, and maximising the council's performance within the resources available will be a priority, there have also been some positive improvements;

- Significant progress has been made in waste management including clearing reported fly tipping
  within 5 days improving from 16<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Wales since last year and exceeding the nationally
  set target for recycling.
- We have continued to ensure that over 95% of food establishments are broadly compliant with food hygiene standards.
- We have consistently supported looked after children to leave school which qualifications, all looked after children aged 15 have left school with qualifications over the past 3 years.
- To be able to live independently is a priority for many residents, we have continued to deliver Disabled Facility Grants within statutory timescales and are the 6<sup>th</sup> best in Wales for this measure, and we have also ensured that over 90% of over 60's in Newport hold a concessionary bus pass which further enables independence.
- In order to provide the diverse range of services that the council delivers it is essential that the
  workforce is healthy, staff sickness levels have reduced and we continue to perform well in this
  measure.

In addition to the national measures we also have an Improvement Plan which has eight improvement objectives which were chosen through consultation with the public, members and staff. The plan includes some national measures as well as locally set measures which support the delivery of the objectives. Our annual review of these objectives shows that we have made good progress against these areas that are important to residents.

Further analysis has been included in appendix1, figures are correct as at 13th September 2017. This analysis will help to inform the councils approach to improving performance which will include, review and revision of targets to aim for improved quartile placement as well as prioritisation of measures according to areas where the most gains are predicted to be made within the resources available

# **Financial Summary**

There are no financial implications to this report.

### **Risks**

There are no risks to this report; each measure is monitored through service planning. Each service plan identifies any risk associated with each service area.

## **Links to Council Policies and Priorities**

This report supports the administration's priorities.

# **Options Available**

- 1. To consider the contents of this report.
- 2. To reject this report or ask for further information.

# **Preferred Option and Why**

Option 1) is preferred as this will ensure that all members are kept fully abreast of performance issues.

# **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

There are no direct financial implications stemming from this report. The financial implication of individual projects are reported as part of the on-going medium term financial planning and budget monitoring processes and in that respect, having clear responsibility and accountability for delivering the projects and managing resources is key.

# **Comments of Monitoring Officer**

The details set out in this report reflect the requirements of the Local Government Measure. The approach for monitoring progress against corporate priorities and strategies is consistent with the Council's performance management framework and risk management principles.

# Staffing Implications: Comments of Head of People and Business Change

The national data sets within the bulletin cover a very small number of the indicators and performance measures that Newport City Council collects on the vast range of services that we deliver. As such, it can only be seen as a snap shot of our overall performance. It is, however, disappointing for us to have the lowest number of indicators within quartile 1, although, as the bulletin shows, our performance against most of the indicators is improving. The gap between the best and worst performing councils is narrowing and it has become more difficult to sustain on-going improvements in services. However, despite this the focus must now be on challenging ourselves to ensure we have consistently performing services.

# **Comments of Cabinet Member**

This report contains many positives but also a number of areas of concern. Over half of our Public Accountability Measures have improved and this is to be welcomed. However, this report also shows that we have the least number of measures in Quartile 1 and this is unacceptable. To ensure robust challenge and accountability I have instructed that all performance reporting will now go through the new Performance Scrutiny Committees before it is presented to the Executive. I will also be agreeing our new Performance Management Strategy, which will ensure that a performance culture is at the heart of what we do as a council. In conjunction with this, the launch of the new Corporate Plan will solidify our mission to improve people's lives and drive innovative solutions to the challenges the council faces in delivering quality services against a backdrop of growing demand and increasing pressures on our budgets. We remain committed to providing the best possible services for residents and improving people's lives.

## Local issues

No specific local issues.

# **Scrutiny Committees**

This report was considered by:

- Performance Scrutiny Committee Place and Corporate on 2 October 2017
- Performance Scrutiny Committee People on 3 October 2017

Scrutiny comments are contained in the minutes of those meetings and copies will be provided to Cabinet Members directly.

# **Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010**

The Equality Act 2010 contains a Public Sector Equality Duty which came into force on 06 April 2011. The Act identifies a number of 'protected characteristics', namely age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership. The new single duty aims to integrate consideration of equality and good relations into the regular business of public authorities. Compliance with the duty is a legal obligation and is intended to result in better informed decision-making and policy development and services that are more effective for users. In exercising its functions, the Council must have due regard to the need to: eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act; advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not; and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. The Act is not overly prescriptive about the approach a public authority should take to ensure due regard. although it does set out that due regard to advancing equality involves: removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics; taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these differ from the need of other people; and encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

# Children and Families (Wales) Measure

Although no targeted consultation takes place specifically aimed at children and young people, consultation on planning applications and appeals is open to all of our citizens regardless of their age. Depending on the scale of the proposed development, applications are publicised via letters to neighbouring occupiers, site notices, press notices and/or social media. People replying to consultations are not required to provide their age or any other personal data, and therefore this data is not held or recorded in any way, and responses are not separated out by age.

# **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

This report enables Cabinet Members to monitor the current position of the council's performance, this helps to drive improvement over the short and long-term and prevent poor performance.

Performance measures are also reported through the service plans and the improvement plan, which take into account the sustainable development principle promoted in the Act and the five ways of working; long-term, prevention, integration, collaboration and involvement.

# **Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

Section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.

# Consultation

Comments received from wider consultation, including comments from elected members, are detailed in each application report in the attached schedule.

# **Background Papers**

Adults Service Plan 2016/17
Children & Young People Service Plan 2016/17
Education Service Plan 2016/17
Regeneration & Investment and Housing Service Plan 2016/17
People & Business Change Service Plan 2016/17
Streetscene & City Services Service Plan 2016/17
Law and Regulation Service Plan 2016/17
Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate on 2 October 2017
Performance Scrutiny Committee – People on 3 October 2017

The above background papers are available to the public.

Dated: 11 October 2017

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# **Public Accountability Measures - Wales Analysis**

Each year the council submits data to the Data Unit Wales, which has produced an analysis tool to enable Welsh authorities to compare their performance across 25 measures in 2016/17. The data for each Local Authority is published in the media and on the Data Unit's website.

Newport has continued to improve performance in national measures despite a backdrop of budget cuts and limited resources. The improvements reflect significant efforts made in service areas within the Council. It is important to note that these comparator figures do not take into consideration the potential impacts of financial position, population demographics or service demands.

## **Newport's Performance 2016/17**

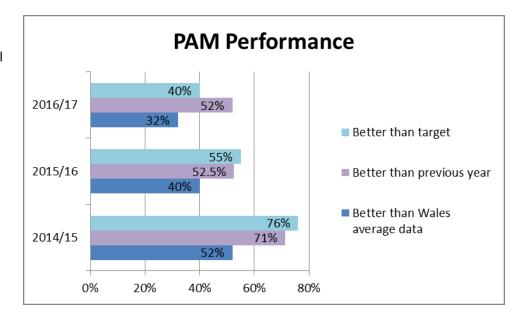
Overall Summary of Performance

In 2016/17 the council has continued to improve in 52% (13 out of25) of national measures and 8% (2) measures remained the same.

These figures combined show that 60% of national measures have either improved or remained the same.

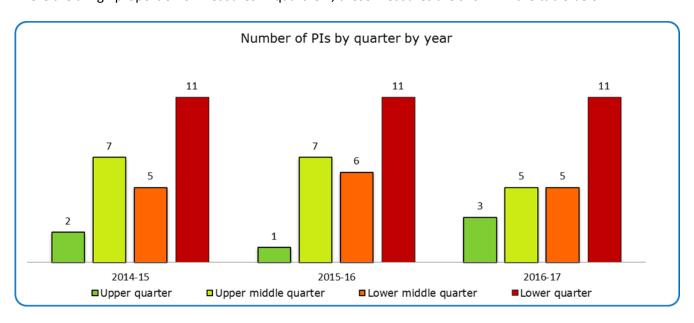
Regular monitoring of performance throughout the year by Heads of Service and Cabinet Members has delivered improved services.

PAM Performance	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Better than Wales average data	52%	40%	32%
Better than previous year	71%	52.5%	52%
Better than target	76%	55%	40%



# **Quartile Performance 2016/17**

There are a high proportion of measures in quartile 4; these measures are shown in the table below.



# **Measures in Quartile 4**

Measures in Quartile 4					
Performance Indicator	PI value	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on PI value)	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016- 17 (based on quarter position)	Rank	
EDU/004: The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of Key Stage 3, in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the Core Subject Indicator, as determined by Teacher Assessment	83.4	<b>↑</b>	<b>→</b>	19	
EDU/015b: The percentage of final statements of special education need issued within 26 weeks, excluding exceptions	84.4	<b>↑</b>	<b>→</b>	21	
EDU/016b: Percentage of pupil attendance in secondary schools	93.3	<b>↑</b>	<b>→</b>	21	
LCL/001(b): The number of visits to Public Libraries during the year, per 1,000 population	3,292	<b>↑</b>	<b>→</b>	22	
WMT/009(b): The percentage of municipal waste collected by local authorities and prepared for reuse and/or recycled, including source segregated biowastes that are composted or treated biologically in another way	61.39	<b>↑</b>	<b>→</b>	18	
EDU/006ii: The percentage of pupils assessed, in schools maintained by the local authority, receiving a Teacher Assessment in Welsh (first language) at the end of Key Stage 3	0.0	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	19	
EDU/016a: Percentage of pupil attendance in primary schools	94.5	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	21	

Performance Indicator	PI value	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on PI value)	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016- 17 (based on quarter position)	Rank
EDU/002i: The percentage of all pupils (including those in LA care) in any LA maintained school, aged 15 as at the preceding 31 August that leave compulsory education, training or work based learning without an approved external qualification	0.3	<b>\</b>	<b>→</b>	19
EDU/011: The average point score for pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August, in schools maintained by the local authority	477.7	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	19
PLA/006(b): The number of additional affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all additional housing units provided during the year	22	<b>\</b>	<b>→</b>	22
PSR/004: The percentage of private sector dwellings that had been vacant for more than 6 months at 1 April that were returned to occupation during the year through direct action by the local authority	3.87	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	16

# Measures where performance has declined

Performance for 13 measures has improved which represents 52% of the PAM data set, 32% of measures have declined in performance.

Performance Indicator	Quarter	PI value	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on PI value)	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on quarter position)	Rank
EDU/002i: The percentage of all pupils (including those in LA care) in any LA maintained school, aged 15 as at the preceding 31 August that leave compulsory education, training or work based learning without an approved external qualification	4	0.3	<b>\</b>	<b>→</b>	19

Performance Indicator	Quarter	PI value	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on PI value)	Year on year performance - 2015-16 vs. 2016-17 (based on quarter position)	Rank
EDU/003: The percentage of pupils assessed at the end of Key Stage 2, in schools maintained by the local authority, achieving the Core Subject Indicator, as determined by Teacher Assessment	3	88.8	<b>→</b>	<b>\</b>	12
EDU/011: The average point score for pupils aged 15 at the preceding 31 August, in schools maintained by the local authority	4	477.7	<b>→</b>	<b>\</b>	19
LCS/002(b): The number of visits to local authority sport and leisure facilities during the year per 1,000 population where the visitor will be participating in physical activity	3	8,038	<b>→</b>	<b>\</b>	14
PLA/006(b): The number of additional affordable housing units provided during the year as a percentage of all additional housing units provided during the year	4	22	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	22
PPN/009: The percentage of food establishments which are 'broadly compliant' with food hygiene standards	2	95.10	<b>→</b>	$\rightarrow$	11
PSR/004: The percentage of private sector dwellings that had been vacant for more than 6 months at 1 April that were returned to occupation during the year through direct action by the local authority	4	3.87	<b>\</b>	<b>\</b>	16
THS/012: The percentage of principal (A) roads, non-principal (B) roads and non-principal (C) roads that are in overall poor condition	2	5.7	<b>\</b>	<b>→</b>	7



# Agenda Item 7

# Report



# Cabinet

Part 1

Date: 18 October 2017

**Subject** Cabinet Work Programme

**Purpose** To report and agree the details of the Cabinet's Work Programme.

**Author** Head of Democratic Services

Ward All Wards

**Summary** The purpose of a work programme is to enable Cabinet to organise and prioritise the

reports and decisions that are brought to each of meeting. Effective forward planning by Cabinet also impacts positively upon the Council's other Committees, in particular Scrutiny, because work needs to be coordinated on certain reports to ensure proper

consultation takes place before a decision is taken.

The current work programme runs to May 2018, but it is a working document. It is important that the work programme is owned and prioritised by Cabinet Members directly, so each month the Head of Democratic Services brings a report updating Cabinet on any changes, so that the revised programme can be formally approved.

The updated work programme is attached at Appendix 1.

**Proposal** To agree the updated work programme.

**Action by** Head of Democratic Services

Timetable Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Officers
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Finance
- Head of People and Business Change

# **Background**

The purpose of a work programme is to enable Cabinet to organise and prioritise the reports and decisions that are brought to each of meeting. Effective forward planning by Cabinet also impacts positively upon the Council's other Committees, in particular Scrutiny, because work needs to be coordinated on certain reports to ensure proper consultation takes place before a decision is taken.

The Wales Audit Office's Corporate Assessment of Newport City Council, published in September 2013, highlighted the need to "strengthen committee work programming arrangements to ensure they are timely, meaningful, informative, transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up". Since that report was published, these monthly reports have been introduced to provide Cabinet with regular updates on its work programme, and the opportunity to comment upon and shape its priorities as an executive group. The Democratic Services team have also been working to improve the links between this and other work programmes under its management (e.g. Council, Scrutiny, Audit) to ensure the various programmes are properly coordinated.

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# **Financial Summary**

There is no direct cost to adopting a programme of work.

### **Risks**

Risk	Impact of Risk if it occurs* (H/M/L)	Probability of risk occurring (H/M/L)	What is the Council doing or what has it done to avoid the risk or reduce its effect	Who is responsible for dealing with the risk?
No action taken	M	Ĺ	Work programming arrangements are in place to ensure they are timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up.	Head of Democratic Services
The process is not embraced by report authors and members	M	M	If there is proliferation of unplanned or late items, the opportunity to ensure work programming is timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up will diminish	Head of Democratic Services

## **Links to Council Policies and Priorities**

These proposals will help the Council provide the best possible service to members and will provide information to the public and elected members.

## **Options Available and considered**

- To adopt the process and adopt or amend the work programme
- To consider any alternative proposals raised by Cabinet members
- To take no action

# **Preferred Option and Why**

To adopt the proposals which should help to ensure work programming arrangements are timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up.

# **Comments of Chief Financial Officer**

There are no financial implications in adopting a programme of work.

# **Comments of Monitoring Officer**

There are no legal implications in adopting a programme of work.

# Staffing Implications: Comments of Head of People and Business Change

There are no specific staffing implications in adopting a programme of work.

# **Comments of Cabinet Member**

The Chair has approved the report for consideration by cabinet.

## Local issues

There are no local issues as this report relates to the Council's processes

# **Scrutiny Committees**

Monthly update reports allow the Scrutiny and Cabinet work programmes to be better coordinated. The Scrutiny team and Members are currently developing new ways of working through the new Committees, and continually reviewing the work programmes to focus more on risk, and ensure all scrutiny activity has a defined purpose and constructive outcome.

# **Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010**

This does not apply to this procedural report.

# **Children and Families (Wales) Measure**

This procedural report does not impact on Children and Young People although certain reports contained in the programme may do and will need appropriate consultation and comment when they are presented to cabinet.

# Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This is a procedural report but reports contained within the programme will need to show how consideration has been given to the five things public bodies need to think about to show they have applied the sustainable development principle put into place by the Act.

# Crime and Disorder Act 1998

This does not apply to this procedural report

# Consultation

As set out above

# **Background Papers**

Newport City Council Corporate Assessment, Wales Audit Office (September 2013)

Newport City Council – Corporate Assessment Follow Up 2015, Wales Audit Office (May 2015)

Dated: 11 October 2017

Meeting	Agenda Items	Lead Officer	Next Council?
15-Nov-17	Corporate Plan	CE	28 Nov 2017
	Education and Pupil Performance Data	CEdO	1
	Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial	HoF	
	Plan	LIDADO	_
	WAO Action Plan Update	HP&BC	4
	Certificate of Compliance 1	HP&BC	4
	WAO Regulatory Fees	HP&BC	-
	Work Programme	CDSO	
20-Dec-17	Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan	НоГ	30 Jan 2018
	Revenue Budget Monitor	HoF	
	Capital Budget Monitor	HoF	_
	Mid-Year Analysis of PIs	HP&BC	_
	Certificate of Compliance 2	HP&BC	
	Work Programme	CDSO	
17-Jan-18	Risk Update	HP&BC	30 Jan 2018
	Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan	HoF	
	Improvement Plan Update: Quarter 2	HP&BC	1
	Verified Key Stage 4 and 5 Pupil Outcomes	CEdO	7
	Work Programme	CDSO	
14-Feb-18	Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial	HoF	27 Feb 2018
	Plan	11-5	Budget
	Capital Budget	HoF	-
	Treasury Management	HoF	-
	Revenue Budget Monitor	HoF	-
	Capital Monitor and Additions Local Wellbeing Plan	HoF HP&BC	-
	Work Programme	CDSO	-
	Work Programme	CD3O	
14-Mar-18	School Categorisation	CEdO	24 April 2018
	Pay and Reward Statement 2018/19	HP&BC	
	WAO Action Plan Update	HP&BC	_
	EAS Business Plan	CEdO	
	Work Programme	CDSO	
18-Apr-18	Improvement Plan Update	HP&BC	
	Work Programme	CDSO	
16-May-18	Items TBC		
	Work Programme	CDSO	

