ECONOMY PDG 9 NOVEMBER 2017

PERFORMANCE AND RISK FOR 2017/18

Cabinet Member Cllr Richard Chesterton

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Reason for Report: To provide Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2017/18 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the PDG reviews the Performance Indicators and Risks that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern to the Cabinet.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Corporate Plan priorities and targets are effectively maintained through the use of appropriate performance indicators and regular monitoring.

Financial Implications: None identified

Legal Implications: None

Risk Assessment: If performance is not monitored we may fail to meet our corporate and local service plan targets or to take appropriate corrective action where necessary. If key business risks are not identified and monitored they cannot be mitigated effectively.

Equality Impact Assessment: No equality issues identified for this report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Appendix 1 provides Members with details of performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 Appendix 2 shows the section of the Corporate Risk Register which relates to the Economy Portfolio. See 3.0 below.
- 1.3 Appendix 3 shows the profile of all risks for the Economy Portfolio for this quarter.
- 1.4 All appendices are produced from the corporate Service Performance And Risk management system (SPAR).

2.0 Performance

2.1 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: **Attract new businesses to the District:** This is covered by another item on the agenda: Economic Development Service Update.

- 2.2 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Focus on business retention and growth of existing businesses: The target for the number of Apprentice starts is the government target calculated as 2.3% of FTEs. We had 9 apprentices @ 31 March 2017 and had 5 starters in September. The Council is holding an apprenticeship event at Phoenix House on 14 November to promote apprenticeships to existing staff as a way of upskilling and enhancing career progression while also utilising the apprenticeship levy the Council pays.
- 2.3 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: Improve and regenerate our town centres with the aim of increasing footfall, dwell-time and spend in our town centres: Empty Shops were discussed at the last meeting as they are input at the start of the quarter.
- 2.4 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: **Grow the tourism sector:** Tiverton Pannier Market will have its last Electric Nights event for this year on 2 December with its Santa Spectacular.
- 2.5 Other: The Local Plan; having taken legal advice and reviewed the statements of participants who would take part in the hearings a deferment has been requested to allow an independent review of the major modifications stage sustainability appraisal. This has been commissioned but a delay in the order of 6 months is expected.
- 2.6 There will be statistics to reflect the general state of MDDC's economy available from time to time.

3.0 Risk

- 3.1 The Corporate risk register has been reviewed by Management Team (MT) and updated. Risk reports to committees include risks with a total score of 10 or more. (See Appendix 2)
- 3.2 Appendix 3 shows the risk matrix for MDDC for this quarter. If risks are not scored they are included in the matrix at their inherent score which will be higher than their current score would be.

4.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

4.1 That the PDG reviews the performance indicators and risks for 2017/18 that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern to the Cabinet.

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