

**ECONOMY PDG
8 MARCH 2018:**

PERFORMANCE AND RISK FOR 2017/18

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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:** The number of business rate accounts has increased since last year which indicates some positive movement into the District but will include extra accounts for existing businesses too.

- 2.2 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: **Focus on business retention and growth of existing businesses:** We are now recording **Businesses assisted** which is on target at 195, as at end of December, against an annual target of 250.
- 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:** for **Empty Shops**, counting takes place at the start of the quarter so we now have the final position for 2017/18 compared to 2016/17: 7 more empty shops for Tiverton, 1 more in Crediton and 1 more in Cullompton.
- 2.4 The Tiverton Town Centre Masterplan went to Cabinet on 1 March 2018 prior to stage 1 public consultation. A £1.2M bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery fund to help restore historic buildings in Cullompton. We will know the outcome in May 2018.
- 2.5 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: **Grow the tourism sector:** the Mid Devon Destination Management Plan for Tourism is on the agenda for this meeting.
- 2.6 Mid Devon is quite well placed economically; for example Mid Devon had lower than average income deprivation levels in 2015. The rate of unemployment for 2015/16 was less than half the average for England at 0.8% and for long term unemployment the figure is a quarter of the average. Educationally we do well too with a higher than average number of children attaining 5 or more A* to C grades at GCSE (including English and Maths) at 62.2%.
- 2.7 For housing, according to the 2011 census, Mid Devon has half the average number of overcrowded houses but over double the number without central heating. Residents are quite healthy and live longer than the English average.

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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