

**ECONOMY PDG
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PERFORMANCE AND RISK FOR 2018/19

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Reason for Report: To provide Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2018/19 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 2018/19 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 An Economic Development Service Update which covers specific projects is a separate item on this agenda.
- 2.2 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aim: **Focus on business retention and growth of existing businesses:** we record **Businesses assisted** which is

above target; they have to be assisted for a minimum of an hour to be included in this figure. MDDC has also been instrumental in two successful bids for LEADER funding for Mid Devon businesses so far this year.

- 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, the vacancy rates in Tiverton and Crediton have improved for the last quarter but Cullompton's have deteriorated being the only PI on the appendix showing as "red".
- 2.4 Corporate projects to provide incubator space for businesses and the Tiverton Town Centre Improvements are progressing with MDDC's application being considered at Planning Committee on 6 March and tendering for the work by Cabinet on 7 March.
- 2.5 Other: The Local Plan Hearings concluded in February, the Planning Inspector's report is now awaited.

3.0 Risk

- 3.1 The Corporate risk register has been reviewed by Group Managers' Team (GMT) 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 2018/19 that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern to the Cabinet.

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