

PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT

Cabinet Member Cllr Graeme Barnell
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Reason for Report: To provide Members with an update on performance against the corporate plan and local service targets for 2019/20 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 identified

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.

Impact on Climate Change: No impacts 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 2019-20 financial year. The PDG is invited to suggest measures they would like to see included in the future for consideration.
- 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 at present.
- 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**; they have to be assisted for a minimum of an hour to be included in this figure.
- 2.3 The GED team is working proactively to bring forward strategic developments and overcome obstacles to development. The team is currently in discussions with all allocated employment site land owners.
- 2.4 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 are better than this time last year. It should be noticed that the vacancy count is done at the start of each quarter hence the figures for “September” are populated already. The destination website is under construction at present.
- 2.5 Local Plan update: A post hearing advice note was received from the Inspector on 23rd May 2019. In response officers prepared and submitted a draft housing land supply update. The Inspector then invited hearing participants to comment upon it and the Council to make a further submission in response to those comments. We await clarification from the Inspector on how he wishes to proceed to the next stage. A report on the proposed main modifications will be considered at a future meeting of Cabinet and Council prior to a further stage of public consultation. We await guidance from the Inspector after which we will be in a clearer position over timescale going forward.

3.0 Risk

- 3.1 Risk reports to committees include strategic risks with a current score of 10 or more in accordance. (See Appendix 2)
- 3.2 Operational risk assessments are job specific and flow through to safe systems of work. These risks go to the Health and Safety Committee biannually with escalation to committees where serious concerns are raised.
- 3.3 The Corporate risk register is regularly reviewed by Group Managers’ Team (GMT) and Leadership Team (LT) and updated as required.

4.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

- 4.1 That the PDG reviews the performance indicators and risks for 2019-20 that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern to the Cabinet.

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