

**ECONOMY PDG
12 MARCH 2020**

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 identified as priority activities to progress the Corporate Plan is a separate item on this agenda.
- 2.2 Regarding the Corporate Plan Aims: **Attract new businesses to the District and Focus on business retention and growth of existing businesses**; we record **Businesses supported**, this includes new and existing businesses.
- 2.3 We also report the **Number of business rate accounts** which exceeds target increasing by over 4% since this time last year.
- 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: car parking vends** are reported as a proxy for visitor numbers.
- 2.5 **Empty Shops**; it should be noticed that the vacancy count is done at the start of each quarter. The total number of units in each town @ Q3 are as follows: Tiverton 242, Cullompton 89 and Crediton 118. This will be added to the notes for the Pls.
- 2.6 **Other**: The 6 week public consultation on the Local Plan main modifications ran from 6 January to 17 February 2020. 75 representations were received, these were sent to the Inspector for his consideration on 28 February.

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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