

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 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 Aim: **Improve and regenerate our Town Centres: Empty Shops**; it should be noted that the vacancy count is done at the start of each quarter but it was not done in April due to Covid 19. It is hoped to be able to do a full shop survey at the end of July once all shops and services are permitted to open, and it becomes clearer which units are temporarily closed, and which units are technically empty.
- 2.3 Data on units owned by MDDC has now been added to Appendix 1.
- 2.4 Our town centres and high streets faced structural issues before Covid-19 but the challenge just got even harder. There was a growing consensus that high streets based on retail needed to shift to include a mix of leisure, entertainment, cafes, gyms and beauty salons. However, the conclusions of Grimsey and others suggest that a recovery based on retail and consumption will not work. Covid-19 could provide the catalyst to do something different, but the window of opportunity is small. This has implications for national and local policy making.
- 2.5 **Other:** The Council has received a report from the Planning Inspectorate, confirming that the Mid Devon Local Plan Review 2013 – 2033 provides an appropriate base for the planning of the District and with a number of main modifications, is sound and capable of adoption.

3.0 Risk

- 3.1 Risk reports to committees include strategic risks with a current score of 10 or more in accordance with the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy. (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 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 2020-21 that are outlined in this report and feeds back any areas of concern to the Cabinet.

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