

Report To: Performance Scrutiny Committee

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Lead Member / Officer: Cllr Barbara Smith, Lead Member for Modernisation and Performance / Alan Smith, Head of Business Planning and Performance

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Title: Denbighshire County Council Annual Performance Review 2011-12

1. What is the report about?

The council is required to publish an annual report of its performance by 31st October each year. This report is about the council's Annual Performance Report for 2011-12, which was discussed by Council on 9th October 2012.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To provide information regarding the key areas of performance for the council, and to enable the Performance Scrutiny Committee to carry out its performance management function.

3. What are the Recommendations?

It is recommended that Members consider the attached report and identify any areas of performance that require further scrutiny and should therefore be planned into the Committee Forward Work Programme.

4. Report details.

The council's Corporate Plan 2009-12 set the strategic direction for the authority, and was agreed in July 2009. The council also published an annual Corporate Plan Delivery Document for 2011-12 to outline how it intended to contribute to the delivery of its Corporate Plan during that financial year. In addition, each council service produced a service plan for 2011-12 to describe how it intended to contribute to the delivery of agreed outcomes for the communities of Denbighshire. The annual performance report provides a retrospective evaluation of the council's success in delivering against these plans during 2011-12, and therefore of whether the council has successfully fulfilled its obligation to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The Annual Performance Review includes a specific evaluation of our success in delivering our corporate priorities. It not only evaluates our performance in relation to the council's key indicators and performance measures, but it also shows how the corporate priorities have had an impact locally within the six areas of Denbighshire.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The only costs associated with this report are those related to printing the report to make it available in council reception areas, libraries, one stop shops, etc. This will be done in-house, with the costs being absorbed by Business Planning and Performance.

7. What consultations have been carried out and has an Equality Impact Assessment Screening been undertaken?

The Annual Performance Review 2011-12 has been developed by the Corporate Improvement Team, in consultation with other council services. The performance information contained within the document has been provided by services, and has been drawn from the Ffynnon performance management system. The draft document has been discussed by CET and circulated to SLT for comment. Consultation has also taken place with the Wales Audit Office, who provided initial feedback on whether the report was likely to enable the council to meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken on this report, as it is a retrospective evaluation of performance, and therefore the decision to approve the report has no potential impact on people sharing protected characteristics.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

There are no significant financial implications arising from the report.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

Failure to produce the Annual Review by the 31st October deadline would be likely to result in statutory recommendations from the Wales Audit Office, with significant implications for the reputation of the Council.

10. Power to make the Decision

The Corporate Plan and the Annual Performance Review are key elements of the Wales Programme for Improvement (2010), which is underpinned by the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1999 and Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.