

07 September 2021**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FINANCE, INFRASTRUCTURE &
IMPROVEMENT****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE
REPORT FOR QUARTER 1 PLACE CORE DATA SET****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide the Committee with an update of performance for Communities and Place for quarter 1 2021/22 (1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021).

Background

2. The Council's Planning and Performance Framework establishes the approach that the Council takes to planning and managing its performance to deliver effective and responsive services.
3. The Council has agreed that the key measures of its performance will be defined through a number of core data sets which are detailed in its Council Plan and each of its Departmental Strategies. Performance against these core data sets is reported to committee every three months (quarterly) to support the performance management of the delivery of services.
4. Key measures from the existing Council Plan (2017-2021) will continue to be reported until a new Council Plan can be established, and the subsequent core data set agreed upon.

Information and Advice

5. The full Core Data Set is included in Appendix A, and when considering the appendix it should be noted that:
 - The previous figures are for the preceding quarter or financial year (2020/21), although in some cases this is highlighted as not applicable where the data is unavailable for the previous quarter/annual.
 - The appendix also indicates whether the measure is
 - a cumulative measure (C) which shows performance from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022,
 - a measure which is reported annually (A),
 - or a measure which only includes the value for the individual quarter

6. The report highlights those core data set measures which have been identified as a risk in the appendix based on the latest performance figures.
7. The report also acknowledges Arc Partnership, a joint venture developed by NCC and Scape Group, who work closely with local communities, providing value for money, treating people fairly and creating a better built environment for everyone. Arc's services include design & project management, construction services and repairs & maintenance.

Core Data Set

Growth & Economic Development

1. The latest delivery report confirms that phase 3 of the Superfast Broadband contract achieved its quarterly target with delivery of 411 premises which takes the overall actual delivery to 2428 homes and business premises. The County Council has been successful in obtaining an additional £1 million of funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). This money will provide gigabit-capable broadband to an additional 220 businesses and 1696 residential premises. The contract is expected to complete by December 2021. Updated targets will be provided once a formal change request to the European programme has been signed.
2. This Committee receives quarterly reports on progress in delivering the COVID-19 Recovery Action Plan, representing the core activity of the service over the course of the pandemic. A report was last considered at the June meeting, with plans to report again in November 2021.

Property Asset Management

3. The Council owns a total of 26 light industrial units grouped over a number of courts, comprising of 10,931 square meters of accommodation. The units were originally provided as economic development projects to aid small businesses and create jobs, however demand for them remains high. As of Q1 21/22, the occupation rates of Council owned industrial units were 100%.
4. For Q1 21/22, occupation rates for the managed workspace in the Worksop Turbine Innovation Centre was 98.1%. The Turbine, which was built in 2005/06 using a combination of capital funds from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), Single Programme funds and the County Council's own capital contribution, is Council owned and features a 2,145 square meters of lettable workspace.
5. For the period of Q1 21/22 the % of statutory inspections undertaken within target timescales was 97.2%, with the % of non-statutory inspections undertaken within target timescales at 99.5%

Financial Performance

6. For 2021/22, the revenue budget for the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee is £21.018 million. As of the end of Q1 21/22, the forecast outturn against this budget is £20.756 million resulting in a forecast positive variance of £262,000. A summary

of the Economic Development and Asset Management financial performance is included as Appendix B.

Other Options Considered

7. This report is provided as part of the Committee's constitutional requirement to consider performance of all areas within its terms of reference on a quarterly basis. The departmental strategy was agreed on 24 January 2018 and the format and frequency of performance reporting were agreed by Improvement and Change Sub Committee on 12 March 2018. Due to the nature of the report no other options were considered appropriate.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. This report is provided as part of the Committee's constitutional requirement to consider performance of areas within its terms of reference on a quarterly basis.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Committee considers whether there are any actions it requires in relation to the performance information on the Council's services for communities and place for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 27/08/2021)

10. The Economic Development and Asset Management Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report under its terms of reference. If Committee resolves that any actions are required, it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 05/08/2021)

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report. The financial performance of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee up to the end of Q1 is set out in Appendix B.

Background Papers and Published Documents

The performance measures included within appendix A are measures which have previously been included within the performance section of committee reports. These committees are as follows; community safety committee, culture committee, environment and sustainability committee, personnel committee, planning and licensing committee, transport and highways committee, communities, and place committee.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All