

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Corporate Plan Report Cabinet Paper

Appendix 2 – Corporate Plan Report – 2022-23 Q2

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The included appendices provide an update for quarter 2 to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on West Northamptonshire Council's performance metrics for the current year and set against the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan.

2. Executive Summary

- 1.2. This report provides an overview of performance for West Northamptonshire Council for the period of July to September 2022 (quarter 2). The performance indicators included in the report have been subject to review, challenge, and approval by both the Cabinet and the Executive

Leadership Team (ELT) with our aim being to create a meaningful dashboard of measures that provides members and officers with good insight into the council's performance.

- 1.3. Full details for quarter 2 are included in the attached report and Appendix on performance that was considered at Cabinet on 6 December.
- 1.4. At the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 19th October members requested that links to the main nationally published local authority datasets be provided, these are included below and are our main sources of benchmarking information.
 - [LG Inform](#) is the local area benchmarking tool from the Local Government Association. The LGA's Research and Information team, using data in LG Inform, have written a series of ready-made reports on a range of topics to provide an easy way to access a deeper level of information and intelligence about your local area or community.
 - **Adult Social Care** - [NHS Digital Analytical Hub](#) is an interactive data source, where information is available to supports clinicians at work, help patients get the best care, and to drive improved treatment.
 - **Education** – [DfE Explore Education Statistics \(ESS\)](#) allows users to browse statistical summaries and download associated data to help understand and analyse a range of statistics relating to Education.
 - **Schools Ofsted Data** - [Ofsted](#) is the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. They also inspect and regulate services that care for children and young people.
 - **Public Health Fingertips** – [Fingertips](#) is a large public health data collection. Data is organised into the themed profiles.
 - **Children Social Care** - [Local Authority Interactive Tool \(LAIT\)](#) presents information in interactive tables and charts with the local authority's rank and position in England. The tool covers a range of measures associated with children's social care.
 - **ONS** is responsible for collecting, analysing and disseminating statistics about the UK's economy, society and population. This includes data relating to the UK Census, employment, labour market information, inflation and Coronavirus.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the content of the appendix covering quarter 2 of 2022-23.

4. Reason for Recommendations

- 4.1 Reason for recommendations:
 - This report is for information purposes and discussion only, there are no direct decisions to be made following the report
 - The council is required as part of Local Government Act 1972 to report performance of the council to members

5. Report Background

- 5.1 It is important that the council is clear and transparent on its performance and that there are clear action plans where our performance falls below target or that of other benchmark authorities.

The council monitors performance across all services areas and against hundreds of national and contract metrics to ensure that services are performing well and identified priorities are monitored and delivered against. These are monitored within services and reported in line with national cycles or as required to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny, and other committees.

This performance report provides an overall high-level summary of the key metrics that underpin our stated corporate priorities and sets out metrics that we will monitoring for this quarterly report in addition to the wider overall performance framework we have in place.

6. Issues and Choices

6.1 This is a report for information and discussion and therefore there are no choices to be made.

7. Implications (including financial implications)

7.1 Resources and Financial

7.1.1 There are no direct financial implications from the report. However, services need to consider the implications of under- or over-performance and identify what resources may need to be reallocated to address these.

7.1.2 Financial indicators included within the performance report can be found in greater detail within the finance reports that are presented to Cabinet.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report or recommendations.

7.3 Risk

7.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

7.4 Consultation

7.4.1 The metrics included in this report have been chosen based upon the priorities identified within the Corporate Plan and in consultation with Cabinet and the Executive Leadership Team. The Corporate Plan priorities and wider service objectives are underpinned by the council's communications and consultation activities to keep the public, staff and stakeholders informed and engaged on what the council is doing and how it is performing.

7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

7.5.1 Relevant performance data will be provided to Overview and Scrutiny Committees as required to support their agreed work plans.

7.6 Climate Impact

7.6.1 There are no direct implications on climate/environmental impact from this report, it does however provide an update on the delivery of the corporate plan which includes commitments to be Carbon Neutral by 2030. This quarterly report will provide updates on the council's progress to this aim as appropriate.

7.7 **Community Impact**

7.7.1 Managing our performance is key to ensuring we are making a positive impact on our communities, celebrating our successes and addressing our challenges.

8. **Background Papers**

8.1 The West Northamptonshire Council Corporate Plan 2021-25 provides the basis for the data and project updates that are provided within this quarterly report.