

ENABLED AND EFFICIENT ORGANISATION PORTFOLIO REPORT

1. Public Access Transformation

Since the last Council meeting in July, a number of briefings have taken place across the political groups to prepare for the reports that are on today's agenda. They consider the public access strategy, the accommodation review and the options for the current sites at both Needham Market and Hadleigh. Once decisions have been made detailed timetables and implementation plans will be developed.

2. 2017/18 Budget and Financial Sustainability

Discussions have begun with the Operational Delivery Teams to generate further ideas to either reduce costs or generate income in 2017/18 and beyond, that are not contained within the Joint Strategic Plan. These ideas, along with how the activities within the Joint Strategic Plan will contribute to the Council's financial sustainability, will be discussed at the Theme Boards and then will feed into the 2017/18 budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy model.

3. Outcome-Based Performance Management

A new performance framework was approved by Executive Committee in December 2015 which focuses on measuring the results and outcomes of our key projects, activities and services, as outlined in the Joint Strategic Plan rather than inputs and outputs. The framework contains four elements all of which are available through the Delivery Programme portal in 'Connect'.

The first element, an '**Executive Summary**', was presented to the Executive in September 2016. It notes the Council's key achievements for the period April to August 2016 and is a useful tool for Councillors to use in discussions with communities. The second element, a more detailed '**Performance Outcome Report**' for the period April 2015 to March 2016, contains a range of measures contributing to our performance outcomes and impact. It provides a holistic view of:

- what we are doing,
- why we are doing it,
- how well we are performing and
- what difference we are making.

To complement both of these framework elements, '**Facts and Stats**' are available offering self-service to a range of traditional performance input and output measures; and '**Socio-Economic Profiles**' offer information at a more local 'Parish' level. The framework will continue to be developed, with Officers, Councillors and Communities working together to ensure it is sustainable and fit for purpose.

4. Strengthening Governance

The Task and Finish Group met again on 24th August and discussed the timetable and implications of the electoral review, being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, as presented to Council in July.

The Group also considered the roles and functions of committees and meeting procedure rules. Recommendations for further changes to the Constitution will be presented at future Council meetings, along with proposed changes to the scheme of management and officer delegations, the planning protocol and financial procedure rules.

Other work, running in parallel to that outlined above, is considering contract procedure rules, the risk framework, business intelligence and data, the introduction of Modern.gov and devolution.

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