

COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

K. JONES

15th October 2014

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

DRAFT NEATH PORT TALBOT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014 “RISING TO THE CHALLENGE”.

Purpose of Report

This report presents a draft of the Council’s Annual Report for 2013/2014 and a draft summary version, along with supporting documentation for consideration.

Background

The Local Government (Wales) Measure requires the Council to produce two annual reports which account for improvement (forward look) and performance (backward look). The first of these reports (forward look), the Neath Port Talbot “Corporate Improvement Plan 2013/ 2016 – Rising to the Challenge” outlines the Council’s priorities for improvement for the next three years. The second of these reports (backward look) which provides an assessment of how well we delivered services during the last financial year and describes the progress made on delivering the six improvement objectives outlined in our Corporate Improvement Plan.

During the last financial year, we achieved what we set out to do for our six improvement objectives and we achieved the majority of the key milestones for improvement and demonstrated improved performance in a number of services. The main highlights include:

- significant improvements in Children and Young People Services;
- steady improvement in pupil performance;

- delivery of a number of significant service changes in transforming adult social care;
- successful delivery of major regeneration projects;
- increased recycling and composting rates; and
- made good progress in delivering our efficiency programme.

More detail is set out in the full report attached at **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2** is a summary of the Annual Report 2013/14.

We also, improved or achieved maximum performance in 73.0% (111) of our 152 comparable full suite of performance indicators. This is a significant improvement on previous year's performance and against a backdrop of also delivering savings of £9.6 million during the year. In comparison with the All Wales performance of the 44 nationally compared indicators, we performed strongly compared to the previous year, with 63% (27) of our indicators better than All Wales performance for 2013/2014, compared to 49% (21) last year. More detail is set out in **Appendix 3** Full suite of performance measures 2013/14 and **Appendix 4** sets out our performance against All Wales 2013/14.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – draft Annual Report 2013/14.

Appendix 2 - summary of the Annual Report 2013/14.

Appendix 3 - Full suite of Neath Port Talbot performance measures 2013/14.

Appendix 4 – comparison data against All Wales 2013/14.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that Members approve the draft Annual Report 2013/2014 and summary and subject to any final amendments agreed today and recommend its formal adoption by Council.
2. It is recommended that the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services is given delegated authority in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Chief Executive to make any further changes that are necessary prior to final publication and which do not materially change the content of the report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To meet statutory requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009.

List of Background Papers

Corporate Improvement Plan 2013 – 2016 – “Rising to the Challenge”
Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

TITLE OF REPORT

DRAFT NEATH PORT TALBOT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/ 2014 *“RISING TO THE CHALLENGE”*

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation following consultation with the relevant scrutiny committee and determination and approval by Council.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	Mixed
Education & Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health & Wellbeing	Positive
Environment & Transport	Positive
Crime & Disorder	Positive

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	Positive
Sustainable Development	Positive
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

This item is not subject to external consultation.