

# **POLICY AND RESOURCES CABINET BOARD**

## **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CORPORATE STRATEGY AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES – MRS K JONES**

**27 November 2014**

### **SECTION C – MATTER FOR MONITORING**

**WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL**

### **CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT 2014/15 AND OUTCOME AGREEMENT GRANT PAYMENT LETTER 2013/14**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To present a six monthly monitoring report on the progress being made in delivering the Council's improvement priorities (objectives) during 2014/15 as set out in the Corporate Improvement Plan "Rising to the Challenge", which was approved by Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 (**Appendix 1**). Also to update Members that the Council will receive the full Outcome Agreement grant payment of £1.469 million for 2013/14 (letter attached at **Appendix 2**).

#### **Background**

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 requires all local authorities in Wales to publish annual improvement priorities (objectives). Our six improvement objectives are:

1. Improve outcomes for children in need and children looked after by improving the performance of the Council's Children and Young People Services Department – **'Safer, Brighter Futures'**
2. Raise educational standards and attainment for all young people – **'Brighter Schools Brighter Prospects'**
3. Maximise the number of adults who are able to live independently with or without support within the home of their choice within their community – **'Maximising Choice and Independence'**
4. Support and invest in our town centres and communities to promote economic growth, regeneration and sustainability to maximise job opportunities and improve access to employment – **'Prosperity for All'**
5. Increase the percentage of waste recycled and composted – **'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'**

6. Improved customer/citizen access to services and functions provided by the Council, or on behalf of the Council, and to improve the efficiency of those services and functions – ‘**Better, Simpler, Cheaper**’

### **Summary of Progress**

Overall, the Council continues to make good progress towards achieving its improvement objectives, with the majority of work on track to reach the intended milestones and performance during 2013/14. However, some risks to delivery have been identified against three of the improvement objectives in Education, Adult Social Care and Waste Services.

### **Outcome Agreement**

A letter from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business to The Leader dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 has concluded that the Council will receive the full Outcome Agreement grant payment of £1.469 million for 2013/14 performance. A separate update of progress against Milestones within the Outcome Agreement has not been reported as this agreement aligns with the Corporate Improvement Plan priorities.

### **List of Background Papers**

Corporate Improvement Plan “Rising to the Challenge” 2014/17.

A guide to Outcome Agreements between the Welsh Government and Local Authorities in Wales for three years 2013-14 to 2015-16.

### **Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Corporate Improvement Plan 2014/17, 6 Month Progress Report

Appendix 2 – Outcome Agreement confirmation letter

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