

**Body:** **Scrutiny Committee**

**Date:** **2 September 2019**

**Subject:** **Corporate Performance Quarter 1 2019-20**

**Report of:** Chief Finance Officer  
and  
Director of Strategy, Planning and Regeneration

**Ward(s):** All

**Purpose of the report:** To update Members on the Council's performance against Corporate Plan priority actions, performance indicators and targets for the year 2019-20.

**Decision type:** Non Key

**Recommendation:** Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- i) Note the achievements and progress against Corporate Plan priorities for 2019-20, as set out in Part A of this report.
- ii) Consider whether there are any particular aspects of Council progress or performance that it wishes to comment upon to Cabinet or to consider further as part of its work programme in 2019-20.
- iii) Note the General Fund, HRA and Collection Fund financial performance for the quarter, as set out in part B of the report.
- iv) Note the amended capital programme as set out in Appendix 4.

**Reasons for recommendations:** To enable members to consider specific aspects of the Council's progress and performance.

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## **6.0 Consultation**

6.1 The priority themes were developed in consultation with residents via the Residents Survey and online Survey which were both conducted throughout July and August 2015 and informed the development of the corporate plan.

## **7.0 Financial appraisal**

7.1 Project and performance monitoring and reporting arrangements are contained within existing estimates. Corporate performance information should also be considered alongside the Council's financial update as there is a clear link between performance and budgets/resources.

7.2 All the financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

## **8.0 Legal implications**

8.1 Comment from the Legal Services Team is not necessary for this routine monitoring report.

## **9.0 Equality analysis**

9.1 The equality implications of individual decisions relating to the projects/services covered in this report are addressed within other relevant Council reports or as part of programmed equality analysis. The equality implications of projects that form part of the Joint Transformation Programme are addressed through separate Equality and Fairness assessments.

## **10.0 Conclusion**

10.1 This report provides an overview of performance against the authority's priority actions and indicators for 2019-20.

10.2 The General Fund shows a service variance in the quarter of £200,000 which is within 1.5% of the net budget

10.3 The HRA delivered a variance in the quarter of £45,000 representing 0.3% of turnover. The HRA balance is in line with the expectation and is sufficiently robust to support the housing self-financing 30 year business plan.

10.4 Capital expenditure is in line with budget expectations.

10.5 The Collection Fund forecast for Council Tax is indicating a deficit of £0.1m and a deficit for Business Rates of £0.25m for the quarter. This will be allocated to or collected from preceptors during 2020/21 and 2021/22.

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Q1 Performance Overview

Appendix 2 – General Fund

Appendix 3 – Housing Revenue Account

Appendix 4 – Capital Programme

### **Background Papers:**

The Background Paper used in compiling this report was as follows:

*Corporate Plan 2016/20* <http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/about-the-council/council-policies-plans-and-strategies/corporate-strategies/>

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.