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**EDUCATION PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION: QUARTER 4**

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**REASON FOR THE REPORT**

1. The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising the performance of the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate. This report sets out performance data outlining progress against commitments, for the quarter ending March 2018/.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The Performance Management Framework includes the production of quarterly performance reports designed to provide an overview of corporate and directorate performance. Effective scrutiny of performance is an important component of the Framework as it provides the opportunity to challenge performance levels, and helps focus on the delivery of Council priorities and targets.
3. The Quarter 4 performance report will be presented to Cabinet on 14 June 2018, the report includes a summary of each Directorate's performance together with an update on progress towards delivering the Strategic Directorate Priorities for each of the Council's seven Directorates.
4. This report provides:
  - **Appendix A** – Corporate Plan Score Card for Priority 1 - Better Education and Skills for All
  - **Appendix B** – Directorate's Quarter 4.

5. The Quarter 4 Corporate Plan scorecard, attached at **Appendix A**, covers:
  - The Well-being Objective
  - Commitments and their RAG status
  - Measures to assess progress
  - Actual results and targets.
  
6. The Quarter 4 Directorate Performance report, attached at **Appendix B** covers:
  - The Strategic Directorate Priority
  - Measures
  - Actual results and targets
  - Quarter 4 position against the Headline Actions in the Directorate Delivery plan.
  
7. The report provides the Committee with information on the Directorate commitments, as set out in the Delivery Plan, together with the progress, issues and mitigating actions that the Directorate has undertaken to address performance issues. Overall progress is highlighted using the red/amber/green (RAG) status format.

### **Scope of Scrutiny**

8. The scope of the scrutiny of this report is to enable Committee to review, assess and challenge the implementation of actions to improve education for Cardiff's pupils, through the Quarter 4 Corporate Performance Report, and to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.
  
9. At this meeting Committee can review and question:
  - (i) the progress made in achieving the Performance Indicator targets for 2017/18;
  - (ii) any identified project risks (red status) and the appropriateness of the proposed countermeasure.

## **Way Forward**

10. At the meeting, Councillor Sarah Merry (Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills), and Nick Batchelar (Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) will be in attendance to present the information and answer any questions Members may wish to ask.
11. Members are invited to consider the information set out in the performance reports and attached at **Appendices A, & B**, and identify any issues that require further scrutiny.
12. Members may also wish to pass on any observations, comments or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education, Employment and Skills on the performance of the Directorate as set out in the report

## **Financial Implications**

13. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. These financial implications will need to be considered before any changes are implemented.

## **Legal Implications**

14. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken

having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is recommended to:

- Review the information provided in the Education Quarter 4 Performance reports, at **Appendix A and B**, and provide any comments, observations or recommendations to the Cabinet Member and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

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