



LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT JANUARY – JUNE 2012

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

To consider the attached report and the matters to which the Chief Executive draws attention.

BACKGROUND:

1. This is the sixth of the Chief Executive's six-monthly reports to Members. It provides an overview of the council's progress over the past six months. It supplements the 2011/12 end of year performance and budget monitoring reports presented to the Cabinet in April and May. These documents can be found on the council's website (www.surreycc.gov.uk/ourperformance).
2. This report highlights a wide range of stories and examples from across the council which complement the hard data from the monitoring reports and paint a rich picture of what staff and Members have achieved over the last six months. Some of these examples will also be included in the 2011-12 Annual Report which will be published at the end of June. The Annual Report is designed in a short format for residents and will include a summary of the council's financial results.
3. This report shows Surrey County Council had another six months of strong progress. During the period the council moved successfully from a phase of recovery and improvement that started in 2009 to the next phase of its development which will run to 2017. The challenges, objectives and themes for this next phase are set out in the **One County One Team 2012-17 Corporate Strategy** (approved by the Council on 7 February 2012) and the more detailed strategies and plans that support this.
4. This report also highlights the key challenges the council will need to successfully navigate between now and 2017. This confirms that the strategy we have in place is the right one and we will continue to work as one team to achieve better outcomes and value for money for Surrey's residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council notes the report of the Chief Executive, thanks staff for the progress made during the last six months, and confirms its support for the direction of travel.

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Sources/background papers:

One County One Team Corporate Strategy 2012-17 report to Council, 7 February 2012

Medium Term Financial Plan and Directorate Strategies 2012-17 report to Cabinet, 27 March 2012

Q4 2011/12 business report to Cabinet, 24 April 2012

Provisional Budget Outturn 2011-12, report to Cabinet, 24 April 2012

Financial Outturn 2011-12, report to Cabinet, 29 May 2012