



## LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT  
JANUARY – JULY 2014**

**KEY ISSUE/DECISION:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

1. This is the tenth of the Chief Executive's six-monthly reports to Members. It provides an **overview of the Council's progress** over the past six months and the challenges ahead.
2. Once again the report includes a number of case studies from staff, partners and residents. These inspiring stories capture the **positive impact our work has on people's lives day in day out**. I know from my visits around the county that there are many other fantastic examples.
3. This report confirms that **the Council has continued to perform strongly** - fulfilling all its critical day-to-day responsibilities while also continuing to develop creative solutions to longer term strategic challenges.
4. The challenges we face are not going away. Our achievements to date confirm we are on the right track. It will get tougher to stay ahead of demand and financial pressures, but **I am confident we can succeed**. My confidence comes from the progress we've already made by working as "one team".
5. Over the next six months we will be spreading and strengthening the "one team" approach. This means working with partners and residents so we are focussed even more sharply on places and people, rather than organisational structures. It also means making sure **all staff and Members can make positive contributions** to improving what we do, and finding new innovative solutions.
6. I look forward to working with all Members over the coming months as **we continue to improve services and value for residents**.

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>
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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:**

*Confident in our Future*, Corporate Strategy 2014-19, report to Council, 11 February 2014