



LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT JULY – DECEMBER 2012

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

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

BACKGROUND:

1. This is the seventh 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 Q2 2012/13 business report and latest monthly budget monitoring report presented to the Cabinet in October and November respectively.
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 illustrate what staff and Members have achieved over the last six months.
3. The council has faced a number of extraordinary events and challenges over the last six months, including the significant task of running a safe and successful Olympics and Paralympics. It has met these challenges successfully, built on the strong progress made over the last four years and demonstrated an ability to respond effectively to new and significant challenges.
4. There is no doubt that things will continue to get tougher over future years. The council's recent achievements confirm we have a strategy which can guide our responses to the challenges we face and enable us to deliver ambitious goals.
5. A key area of focus in the next six months will be innovation. There are already excellent examples of innovation across the council but the complexity and scale of the long term challenges ahead requires developing an innovation capacity and capability that compares well not just to other local authorities, but to leading organisations from all sectors and industries (see the **innovation report** presented to Cabinet on 27 November 2012 for more details).
6. Over the coming months 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

Q2 2012/13 Business Report to Cabinet, 23 October 2012

Budget Monitoring Forecast 2012/13 (period ending October 2012), Report to Cabinet 27 November 2012