



LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT
JANUARY – JULY 2015**

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

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

BACKGROUND:

1. This is the twelfth 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 inspiring case studies that 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. The Chief Executive highlights the **pressures the council faces**. There is an increasing demand for our services and communities have changing needs and expectations – at the same time the council's financial resources continue to reduce.
4. Given this context we know **we have to continue working differently and learning from our experiences** in order to keep pace with rising pressures. Based on our progress to date **I believe we can successfully navigate the significant challenges we face**.
5. To achieve this will we need to remain focussed on the **shared goals and values in our Corporate Strategy**, working as "**one team**" with our partners and residents to ensure wellbeing, strengthen economic prosperity, and improve resident experience.
6. I look forward to working with all Members over the coming months as **we continue to improve services and value for our 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:

Confident in Surrey's Future, Corporate Strategy 2015-20, report to Council, 10 February 2015

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