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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Chief Executive's 6-monthly Progress Report.

I would like to join the Council Overview Board in congratulating the Chief Executive and Staff for their hard work contributing to the 6 month report. Despite the challenges we face, there are some great examples within the report of how this Council continues to make a positive difference to Surrey residents.

I am glad that Members find the report useful and support the request for it to be presented to Full Council in future years.

The report is part of a suite of documents which provide Members with information on the Council's priorities and performance. Reports such as our Corporate Strategy and Annual Report include further detail on our key milestones and targets, and the Chief Executive's 6 month report should be read alongside these other documents. Members can also keep up to date with progress against our corporate priorities on our new performance web pages (<https://performance.surreycc.gov.uk>). However, I have asked the Chief Executive to be mindful of the feedback from Members regarding milestones and targets when drafting future reports.

I am pleased that the Council Overview Board approves the four priorities as set out in the report. We will need a strong focus on these priorities if we are to meet our corporate responsibilities in 2016 and beyond. I hope that the Overview and Scrutiny function can support the organisation in achieving these goals through continuing to offer robust challenge.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me on this issue, and for your careful and considered comments at the Full Council meeting.

Regards,

David Hodge
Leader of the Council



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