



LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

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

BACKGROUND:

1. This is the seventeenth of the Chief Executive's progress report to Members, and the first from Julie Fisher, who served as our Acting Chief Executive from October 2017-February 2018, and is now Deputy Chief Executive until the end of March 2018. It provides an **overview of the council's progress** over the past six months and the challenges ahead.
2. The report serves as a useful resource for wider discussions with Members, staff and partners.
3. Julie Fisher 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 be stretched.
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. The report highlights the **People and Places** work that we have started over the last four months to enable us to meet residents' needs in the best way possible with the money that we have available.
5. The case studies and awards and recognition in this report demonstrate 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, thanks staff for the progress made during the last six months, and confirms its support for the direction of travel.

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