



LEADER REPORT TO COUNCIL

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT

KEY ISSUE/DECISION:

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

BACKGROUND:

1. This is the sixteenth and final of the Chief Executive's reports to Members. It provides an **overview of the council's progress** over the past six months and the challenges ahead.
2. The format of the report has changed over time in response to feedback from both Members and staff. The purpose of the report has also evolved. It has increasingly become a prompt for wider discussions with Members, staff and partners.
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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