



EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION

REPORT OF:	Leader
LEAD OFFICERS:	Deputy Chief Executive
DATE:	14 th June 2018

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	ALL
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
KEY DECISION:	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUBJECT: Report on the progress against the Corporate Plan 2017/2018 for six months to Year-end (October 2017 to March 2018).

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Executive Board the opportunity to review progress against the Council's strategic priorities documented within the Corporate Plan and to provide assurance that appropriate actions are being taken to address key areas of concern.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

1. Note the overall performance against the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives as illustrated in Appendix One
2. Note the remedial action to improve delivery against those priorities which are giving cause for concern, as outlined in Appendix Two.

3. BACKGROUND

As per previous years, robust performance management arrangements continue to be in place to monitor and ensure the delivery of the Corporate Plan.

The performance framework continues to see performance discussed and challenged with directors and also includes a direct challenge from the Leader of the Council to the Executive Members on a six monthly basis.

Appendix One tracks the progress of performance against the Council's strategic objectives for six months to year-end (October 2017 to March 2018).

Appendix Two provides exception reports for priorities which are considered to be off track.

Internal quality assurance checks, through the established Council challenge process, aim to ensure the robustness of the data and information included in all performance monitoring reports. Executive Board are asked to note that some figures may change in future reports, as a result of these quality assurance checks.

Policy Council 2015 adopted the current Corporate Plan which sets out the council's aims and ambitions up to 2019. As part of this, Policy Council 2017 agreed the continuation of the six corporate priorities to 2020 these are:

1. Creating more **jobs** and supporting business growth
2. Improving **housing** quality and building more houses
3. Improving **health and well-being**
4. Improving outcomes for our **young people**
5. Safeguarding the most **vulnerable people**
6. **Making your money go further**

Further to this four long term strategic themes have been distilled into every portfolio to complement the Corporate Priorities.

The themes are:

- Image and marketing of the borough.
- Fairness / Equality / Cohesion.
- Partnership working:
 - With businesses and other public sector organisations (to maximise impact of Blackburn with Darwen spend)
 - With residents - empowering communities through volunteering and asset based working (more effective use of all our assets, people and places)
 - Other key stakeholders
- Digital First.

Each portfolio has been asked to allocate a red / amber / green forecast to the measures that they own. The following guidelines have been provided to ensure a standardised approach to allocating these forecasts.

Red

- The measure is likely to fail or perform poorly in the future
- The measure falls below a set national target / statutory required performance.
- The measure may also be below a minimum requirement for the particular service as agreed by the department
- The lead department perceives there could be a potential serious risk to the Council

Amber

- The measure is at risk of failure, but the lead department feels this is currently being managed
- Actions are or need to be in place to ensure that the end of year position is achieved

Green

- The measure is on target/ over performing / over achieving (if departmental target has been set)
- The lead department perceives there is currently no risk to the council in relation to this measure.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

4.1 Performance overview

There are 108 measures within the Corporate Plan linked to the Council's priority objectives.

The table below shows a breakdown of the measures across the portfolios:

Portfolio	Total	Red	Amber	Green	Awaiting data
Leaders	11	0	1	10	0
Resources	10	1	3*	6	0
Regeneration	23	0	4	19	0
Environment	8	1	1	6	0
Leisure, Culture and Young People	11	1	2	8	0
Neighbourhoods and Prevention Services	11	1	4	6	0
Adults	7	0	4	2	1
Public Health	7	3	0	4	0
Children's Services	12	1	3	8	0
Schools and Education	8	0	2	6	0
Total	108	8	24	75	1

**Two of the measures within the Resources portfolio relate to budget outturn performance and delivery of the savings programme. At the time of writing the report, work is still ongoing to finalise the year end outturn position, however based on the position at this time, it is expected that both measures will be Amber as defined below.*

Of the 108 measures information for the period is as follows:

- 7% (8 actual) have been forecast as “red” where performance is, or is likely to be off track
- 22% (24 actual) have been forecast “amber” where delivery is on track and currently being managed
- 70% (75 actual) have been forecast “green” or on track
- 1% (1 actual) of the measures a RAG rating is not available

The purpose of this report is to provide a picture of overall performance and highlight any key issues of concern which are in need of closer monitoring and follow up action. Information on all Corporate Plan measures and key issues raised through the performance challenge process are documented for Executive Board, in two separate appendices, as follows:

1. Appendix One shows a summary of all Corporate Plan priorities, highlighting those areas that are forecast as being on track; those where delivery is not going as planned and those where performance is forecast as off track or likely to be off track. Please note performance data is provisional and is subject to validation.
2. Appendix Two provides exception reports for priorities which are considered to be off track.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The attached performance monitoring report provides information on progress against the Council's strategic objectives as set out in the Corporate Plan for 2016/2019.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. Financial implications of any actions referred to in the report will be included in an appropriate briefing paper.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications as a result of this report. Resource implications of any actions referred to in the report will be included in an appropriate briefing paper.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. [Corporate Plan EIA 2016/2019](#)

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

10. CONSULTATIONS

The report has been developed in consultation with the relevant Council officers and Executive Member.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	
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