

Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

The following Committees met on:

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee – 08.09.2023 Economy, Residents and Communities – 11.09.2023 Learning and Skills – 13.09.2023

And considered the following document: Quarter 1 Performance Report

Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet on: 19.09.2023

The Scrutiny Committees thank the Portfolio Holder and Officers for providing the report.

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny made the following observations:

- Noted that as this was the first quarter, it was difficult to make comparisons and identify trends. However, moving forward this will be a useful tool alongside the commentary from Service Areas.
- Members questioned the apparently low level of new apprentices that started in Q1.
- Noted that the Committee needed to be provided with the monthly performance/KPI reports for each Service first, to enable the Committee to drill-down further when scrutinising the quarterly Corporate Scorecard.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
1. To include clear targets for each of the measures listed under the three Objectives in the Scorecard. It would also aid understanding to display the actual figure alongside a percentage.			
2. To provide Scrutiny Committees with service-specific			

performance reporting in addition to the CSEP Scorecard, in advance of the Scrutiny meetings when the quarterly reports are due to be scrutinised.		
 To include the current number of apprentices in the Scorecard, alongside new apprentices within the last quarter. 		

Membership of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee on 08.09.2023: County Councillors: A Jenner (Chair), G E Jones, L Rijnenberg, C Robinson, E Roderick and C Walsh.

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Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny made the following observations:

- The scorecard was easier to navigate and provided detailed information which was an improvement to the previous system.
- The Committee were assured that anomalies identified within the report would be resolved by the officers.
- It would have benefited the Committee to have comparable data from last year.
- Colour coding and rating status system within the scorecard was not distinguished and considered confusing.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
 The Council have a standard consistent approach to rating status (for easy visibility and understanding e.g., traffic lights). 			
2. Comparable data for benchmarking be available from previous years for context.			
3. Ensure clear and precise narrative			

information is		
available.		

Membership of the Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 08.09.2023: County Councillors A Davies (Chair), B Davies, A Jones, E A Jones, G Mitchell, K Lewis, P James, C Kenyon-Wade, G Preston, and L Rijnenberg

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Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny made the following observations:

- How does the Local Authority compare with Other Local Authorities in Wales, Scrutiny committee requested further data and evidence.
- As an overview and strategic report there was minimal linkage to the remit of the Scrutiny Committee.
- The Plan requires more relevance, narrative needs to evidence how the Local Authority was reaching out to Schools and the Workforce, clarity required on whether the living wage objectives of the Corporate Plan would be met.

Scrutiny's Recommendation	Accept (plus Action and timescale)	Partially Accept (plus Rationale and Action and timescale)	Reject (plus Rationale)
 Comparable data for benchmarking be available for Local Authorities in Wales. 			
2. Improved relevance and links to Scrutiny Committees.			
3. Narrative needs to be clear, with evidence provided for how the Local Authority was reaching out to residents of Powys, ensuring the objectives of the Corporate Plan were met.			

Membership of the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee on 13.09.2023 County Councillors G Thomas (Chair), A W Davies, B Davies, G D Jones, D Meredith, L Roberts, G Morgan, D Bebb, G Preston. Co-opted Members: K Chedgzoy, S Davies, M Evitts.