COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)

CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT, 2021/22 QUARTER 4

- 4.1 The Panel discussed the Corporate Performance Report 2021/22 Quarter 4 Report at its meeting on 8th June 2022.
- 4.2 Councillor Gray enquired on the initial thoughts of the new Executive Councillor on this report and whether there were any additional areas of focus identified. The Panel heard that the new administration would be building on a great foundation but that as the district progresses post pandemic, new challenges will be faced. The proposed refresh of the Corporate Plan which is due to come through the democratic cycle in the coming months will help to identify revised indicators to ensure that the Council is best serving the needs of its residents.
- 4.3 Following a question from Councillor Cawley on the challenges faced by the Planning service over recent years, the Panel heard that steps had been put in place to remedy this. These are challenges faced by the Planning sector nationally but revised working practices and adapted proactive recruitment processes, including the potential development of a Graduate pathway, are helping to attract new members to the team.
- 4.4 Councillor Wells enquired on how a green indicator for new homes could be achieved and the Panel heard that the pandemic and supply issues faced by the construction industry had greatly affected this over the past few years, however it was hoped that this should be achievable over the coming year.
- 4.5 Councillor Cawley enquired around the administration involved within the service which took up valuable officer time, this point was noted for further investigation and would be communicated back to the Panel at a future date.
- 4.6 The Panel praised the hard work of the officers around the Council for a fantastic report and achievement in the position left by the previous administration.