

MEETING:	CABINET – CORPORATE AND ASSETS
DATE:	20 JUNE 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	CORPORATE PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE
REPORT BY:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PEOPLE, POLICY & PARTNERSHIP

1. Classification

Open

2. Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

3. Wards Affected

County-wide

4. Purpose

To review the evidence base, and be advised of proposals for future review/development of the corporate plan and the focus for future performance reporting.

5. Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the evidence base (consisting of Understanding Herefordshire, the corporate performance report for 2012/13 and the budget outturn report for 2012/13) be noted, and used to inform future planning, commissioning and decision making;**
- (b) suggestions for recommendations arising from the 2013 Understanding Herefordshire be discussed by senior management, all Councillors, the Health and Well-being Board and the Herefordshire Partnership Executive Group;**
- (c) the final outturn for 2012/13 be noted;**
- (d) the movements to new reserves outlined in paragraph 8.7 of the report at Appendix C be approved;**
- (e) the Treasury Management out-turn report be recommended to Council for approval; and**
- (f) the annual review of the corporate plan be deferred to enable completion of the ongoing work to determine the future role of the council.**

6. Key Points Summary

- The evidence base is available to inform strategic and operational decision making.
- The corporate planning cycle will be deferred to enable focus to be maintained on determining the future role and shape of the council.

7. Alternative Options

7.1 It is open to Cabinet to agree an alternative corporate planning cycle.

8. Reasons for Recommendations

8.1 To ensure that future decisions on service priorities, planning and commissioning take full account of the evidence available.

9. Introduction and Background

9.1 Cabinet have agreed an annual corporate planning cycle (not including consultation) as below:

Cabinet receive the evidence base and consider the need for revisions to the corporate plan	June
Subject to above, Cabinet consider proposals re corporate plan amendments for recommendation to Council	October
Council approve corporate plan	November
Cabinet consider following year budget proposals	January
Council approves budget	February
Council sets Council Tax	March
Cabinet approves delivery plan	March

9.2 This cycle enables the corporate plan, as the overarching policy document for the council, to be informed by an integrated evidence base, and in turn to inform future service planning and budget setting.

10. Key Considerations

10.1 Council approved the corporate plan in November 2012. The latest evidence base is set out in appendices A to C and consists of *Understanding Herefordshire* (which also fulfils the statutory requirement to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment), the end of year performance report and the final budget outturn report for the previous financial year.

10.2 The findings from the consultations carried out during autumn 2012 (Your Community Your Say) and spring 2013 (budget consultation) have been taken account of within *Understanding Herefordshire*.

10.3 Given the decisions taken by Cabinet in April 2013 and at Council in May 2013, it is

proposed that a review of the corporate plan be deferred to enable the Chief Executive to complete the work he is currently leading to:

- Ensure delivery of the budget requirements to date and in the future
- Improvement and efficiency benefits for the customer, council and partners
- Development of the future Council core purpose statement and outcomes
- Transformation of the council to meet the Herefordshire 2020 aims

11. Community Impact

11.1 The evidence base informs the development of key strategic plans and commissioning decisions within the county.

12. Equality and Human Rights

12.1 *Understanding Herefordshire* considers inequalities in opportunities and outcomes, paying full regard the public sector equality duty. Officers will continue to assess any elements of the evidence base which are perceived as engaging the Council's duties under the Equality Act 2010 and report further as necessary.

13. Financial Implications

13.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report; financial implications associated with the reports at appendices A to C are set out in those appendices.

14. Legal Implications

14.1 None.

15. Risk Management

15.1 *Understanding Herefordshire* (and its associated web-based integrated evidence base) mitigate the risk that priorities and commissioning decisions are not based upon assessment of need.

16. Consultees

16.1 None.

17. Appendices

Appendix A – Understanding Herefordshire 2013

Appendix B – End of Year Performance Report 2012/13

Appendix C – Budget Outturn Report 2012/13

18. Background Papers

None identified.